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KL Rahul celebrates after scoring his century during India's World Cup match against the Netherlands in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

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ICC MEN'S CRICKET WORLD CUP INDIA 2023

INDIA BEAT THE NETHERLANDS BY 160 RUNS, RECORD 9TH WIN ON TROT IN WC

Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul hit centuries as India crushed the Netherlands by 160 runs to finish WC league engagements with a record 9 wins on trot

INDIA HAMMER 410/4; RAHUL, SHREYAS HIT TONS

Shreyas Iyer and KL Rahul struck magnificent centuries as India produced a solid batting display to post a mammoth 410/4 against the Netherlands at M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru. Iyer (128 not out off 94 balls) slammed a career-best ODI ton, while KL Rahul (102 off 64 balls) hit the fastest World Cup hundred by an Indian as the duo added 208 runs off 128 balls.

SKIPPER ROHIT RE-WRITES MANY RECORDS

- Team India captain Rohit Sharma scored 61 runs and set many records. Rohit has struck the most number of sixes in the ODIs in a calendar year, taking his 2023 tally to 60, surpassing AB de Villiers' 58 in 2015.
- Rohit became the first captain to hit the most sixes in an edition of the World Cup (24), going past Eoin Morgan (22) of England. P11

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Virat Kohli (51) has made 50-plus scores on 14 occasions in the World Cup to date

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrates Diwali with security forces in Lepcha, Himachal Pradesh, on Sunday | PTI

We're safe till jawans guard borders: PM

AGENCIES @ Lepcha

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said security forces have a big role in maintaining peace and keeping India's borders safe at a time when global expectations from the country are rising.

Keeping with his annual practice of spending time with personnel of the armed forces on Diwali, Modi, who flew to Lepcha in Himachal Pradesh, also asserted that India is fast emerging as a big global player in the defence sector and the capabilities of its security forces are constantly rising. Global circumstances are such that the expectations from India are also constantly rising, he said.

"At such an important time, it is necessary that India's borders are protected and there is an environment of peace in the country, and you have a big role in this," Modi, dressed in Indo-Tibetan Border Police fatigues, said. "India is protected till the time my bravehearts are standing on the borders, unflinching as the Himalayas," he said.

40 labourers trapped as U'khand tunnel collapses

Oxygen pumped into collapsed section; 160 rescuers deployed

AGENCIES @ Uttarkashi (Uttarakhand)

A portion of an under-construction tunnel between Silkyara and Dandalgaon on the Brahmakhal-Yamunotri National Highway collapsed early on Sunday, trapping around 40 workers inside, officials here said. Personnel from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and police launched a search and rescue operation immediately after being informed of the accident, Uttarkashi SP Arpan Yaduvanshi said.

Quoting officials from the National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL), which is building the tunnel, Yaduvanshi had initially put the number of labourers trapped in the tunnel at 36. However, the District Emergency Operation Centre later released a list of 40 labourers trapped inside. They are from Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Odisha, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh. Oxygen is being pumped into the collapsed section of the tunnel, which is part of the Char Dham all-weather road project, through a water pipe so that the trapped labourers do not have difficulty breathing, Yaduvanshi said. Even after 12 hours of the operation, there was no breakthrough till late Sunday night. Those trapped inside, however, have sent out signals indicating that they are safe, an official at the site said.

The rescue operation underway after a portion of a tunnel under construction between Silkyara and Dandalgaon collapsed in Uttarkashi district on Sunday | PTI

"We are removing the muck to measure how deep the point where they are trapped is. It does not seem too long. We hope to reach them soon. However, there are indications that they are safe as they appear to have released some water through an outlet," Rajesh Panwar, the Navayuga Construction Company project manager, said.

About 160 rescuers are trying to reach the trapped labourers with the help of drilling equipment and excavators, the District Emergency Operation Centre said. Some more equipment such as a vertical drilling machine are about to reach the site to assist the rescue efforts.

India votes in favour of move slamming Israeli settlements

AGENCIES

INDIA voted in favour of five resolutions relating to the situation in the Middle East, including one that condemned Israeli settlement activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and abstained on one resolution. The Fourth Committee (Special Political and Decolonization) of the UN General Assembly approved six draft resolutions on November 9 all by recorded votes, relating to the situation in the Middle East.

India voted in favour of a resolution that condemns Israeli settlement activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

The draft resolution titled 'Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Occupied Syrian Golan' was approved by the Special Political and Decolonisation Committee (Fourth Committee) by a recorded vote of 145 in favour, 7 against and 18 abstentions.

India was among the 145 nations that voted in favour of the resolution. By the terms of the resolution, the Assembly would condemn settlement activities in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan and any activities involving the confiscation of land, the disruption of the livelihood of protected persons, the forced transfer of civilians and the annexation of land, whether de facto or through national legislation.

India abstained on a draft resolution 'Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories'.

India voted in favour of a resolution 'Operations of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East'.

DIPLOMATIC ROW

Trudeau: We don't want 'fight' with India now

AGENCIES @ New Delhi/Ottawa

CANADA Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said that a "fight" with India is not something his country wants right now, but reiterated his allegations and added that Ottawa wants to "work constructively" with New Delhi on this "very serious matter".

Addressing the media on Friday, he also alleged that India violated the Vienna Convention as over 40 Canadian diplomats were shifted from India after New Delhi threatened to strip them of their diplomatic immunity.

The ties between India and Canada came under severe strain following Trudeau's allegations in September of a "potential" involvement of Indian agents in the killing of Khalistani separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar on June 18 in British Columbia. India had designated Nijjar as a terrorist in 2020.

India rejected Trudeau's allegations as "absurd" and "motivated".

In his fresh remarks, Trudeau said his government reached out to India to ask them to work together in getting to the bottom of this matter. "From the very beginning when we learned of credible allegations that agents of the Indian government were involved in the killing of a Canadian citizen on Canadian soil, we reached out to India to ask them to work with us in getting to the bottom of this matter," he said.

"Canada also reached out to its friends and allies like the United States and others to work on this really serious violation of international law and of the sovereignty of a democracy. This is something that we are taking very seriously," he said.

"We will continue to work with all partners as law enforcement and investigative agencies continue to do their work. Canada is a country that will always stand up for the rule of law. If bigger countries can violate international law without consequences, then the whole world gets more dangerous for everyone," he added.

Woman, 2 daughters, son murdered

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Udupi

IN a ghastly incident, a woman, her two daughters and a son were murdered at her residence in Tripthi Nagara near Nejar, under the Malpe police station limits here on Sunday. The incident occurred around 8.30 am when an unidentified assailant allegedly came in an autorickshaw and fled soon after committing the murders.

The deceased have been identified as Haseena (47), her children Afnan (23), Aynaz (21) and Aseem (14). Haseena's mother-in-law Hajira (70), who was at home at the time of incident, was injured and has been hospitalised, police sources said.

Haseena's husband Mohammed Noor works abroad and she lived at her residence with the three children and the mother-in-law. The motive behind the murder is not known yet. It is said that an unidentified man stabbed all the five. While four were killed on the spot, Hajira escaped with critical injuries as she locked herself inside the bathroom. Neighbours, who heard their cries, rushed to the spot, but by then the assailant had fled, the sources said.

Udupi SP Dr Arun K, who visited the spot, told reporters that it did not appear to be murders for gain as nothing valuable is missing from the house. P5

Police visit the house near Nejar where four people were murdered, on Sunday

Gandaberunda badges to shine on Karnataka legislators' shoulders

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

LEGISLATORS in both Houses of Karnataka will henceforth wear gold-coated metal badges depicting Gandaberunda while attending sessions. The badge, which carries the official emblem of the state, will also mark 50 years of renaming Karnataka.

Starting from the legislature session at Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi, MLAs and MLCs are expected to flaunt the badges on the left of their shoulders. Legislators are also expected to wear them when they travel out of the state and country. "We cannot make it compulsory for all legislators. But this badge will

definitely give an aesthetic and elegant look. It will make each one legislator proud as it carries the state emblem," said a senior officer requesting anonymity. The Belagavi session starts on December 4.

The idea of the badge came to Speaker UT Khader when elected representatives from a foreign country met him recently. He noticed the foreign delegates wearing a unique badge and he thought of getting similar badges for the state legislators too, official sources told *TNIE*.

The badge is mostly made of brass with gold coating. Gandaberunda is a two-headed bird in Hindu mythology and is believed to be a form Lord Vishnu. The emblem was used by the then Mysuru state and continued to be the state emblem even after Mysuru state became Karnataka 50 years ago.

Official sources said that initially, the idea was to get the badges for MLAs. P4

EXPRESS READ

Delhi records best Diwali day air quality in 8 years

New Delhi: Delhi recorded its best air quality on Diwali day in eight years on Sunday, though pollution levels may rise due to burning of firecrackers and low night temperatures. Delhiites experienced clear skies and abundant sunshine and the city's 24-hour average Air Quality Index (AQI) stood at 218 at 4 pm, the best in at least three weeks. Delhi recorded an AQI of 312 on Diwali last year. | P8

HDK, DKS trade barbs over guarantee schemes

Bengaluru: JDS state president HD Kumaraswamy on Sunday tore into the state Congress government for rampant corruption and failure on all fronts and appealed to voters in five poll-bound states, including Telangana, not to be misled by their false assurances. DyCM Shivakumar said Kumaraswamy should approach the people of his constituency Channapatna to learn the success of the guarantees | P4

Sharad Pawar feels unwell during meeting

Pune: Nationalist Congress Party president Sharad Pawar felt unwell during a meeting in his hometown Baramati in Maharashtra's Pune district and has been advised rest by doctors, party sources said. Pawar was on Saturday evening attending a meeting at Vidya Pratishthan, a trust controlled by his family, when he felt unwell and was immediately examined by doctors, they said.

SOLE SEARCHING

Govt students get Chappal Bhagya instead of Shoe Bhagya

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

SOME government school students in Lakshmeshwar taluk have received slippers, instead of shoes and socks as part of their uniform that is supplied by the government. Parents have complained to the management, but school authorities said some parents wanted slippers for their wards as it is convenient.

Students in most schools in the district have got shoes, but those in three schools in Lakshmeshwar taluk have got slippers. It is said the government had ordered schools to give shoes and socks, but school authorities said slippers were supplied as some students wanted them. The government sent a notice ordering all schools to supply shoes to students before the Dasara holidays. It had also asked School Development Management Committee (SDMC) members to check. But the Lakshmeshwar Government High-

Students wear chappals at a government school in Lakshmeshwar | EXPRESS

er Primary School No 2, Government Higher Primary School, Bastibana and Government Higher Primary School, Kenchalapur have now supplied slippers to students.

Some students said, "We expected to get shoes and socks, but we received chappals. We have told our teachers that we want shoes." A parent said, "Our sons are studying in different government schools. The younger one got shoes and socks, but the elder son got only slippers. Now both are fighting and the elder son wants shoes. We work as farm labourers. The state government announced shoe bhagya, but students got chappal bhagya."

Nirmala Naregal, SDMC president of Government Higher Primary School in Lakshmeshwar town, said, "As it is difficult to keep removing shoes for mid-day meals and at other times, some parents had requested for slippers."

An official from the Deputy Director of Public Instructions office said, "We don't have any details. We will do the needful."

Sensex ends 354 points higher in Mahurat session

FIROZ MIRZA @ Kolkata

BENCHMARK stock indices Sensex and Nifty closed higher by more than half a per cent in the special Mahurat trading session on Sunday driven by across-the-board buying by investors.

The 30-share BSE Sensex rose by 354.77 points or 0.55% to close at 65,259.45 with 28 of its components settling in the green on the first trading session of Samvat 2080.

The broader Nifty50 of the National Stock Exchange advanced 100.20 points or 0.52% to settle at 19,525.55 led by gains in IT, infra and energy shares. As many as 43 Nifty50 stocks ended in green while seven in red.

Muhurat trading is a one-hour, symbolic trading session conducted by Indian stock exchanges on Diwali, a Hindu festival considered auspicious for new beginnings, including investments.

Investors' wealth soared by over Rs 2 lakh crore, as reflected in the total market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies.

ALMANAC TODAY
Monday: 13/11/2023 • Year: Shobhakruta • Ayana: Dakshinayana
Ritu: Sharad • Masa: Ashwayuja • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Amavasuya 2.04 pm
Nakshatra: Vishaka 3.35 am • Moon in Vrischika Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am
Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 15°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST Breaks of sun late

Sunrise 6.17 am
Sunset 5.50 pm
Moonrise 6.01 am
Moonset 5.46 pm

● FEWER CRACKERS DUE TO HIGH PRICE ON BLACK MARKET ● CHEMICALS CAN POLLUTE CITY'S WATERBODIES

PICK UP AFTER YOU LIGHT CRACKERS, HELP WASTE PICKERS

PURAN CHOUDHARY @Bengaluru

WHILE the long week of festive cheer continues for Deepavali in the city, activists and volunteer groups are urging people to be mindful of how they celebrate and burst crackers.

They request individuals using green crackers to rethink the litter and the humongous task of cleaning the streets that the pourakarmikas and daily waste pickers are met with the next day.

In the aftermath of celebrating festivals, waste management often takes a hit with packets of crackers and burnt-out shells left on the roads in large quantities.

Odette Katrak from Beautiful Bharat spoke about the multiple online campaigns across the country to create awareness of the different preemptive and post-celebration measures people can take.

"Green crackers may reduce emissions marginally, but still contribute to noise and air pollution. For those opting to burst crackers, reduced volumes or joint celebrations are ideal. Our campaign requests residents to place two cartons, one for Dry waste (cracker boxes, packaging) and another for toxic remains (Reject waste). This segregation can increase recycling percentage and reduce waste to landfill, also lessening the burden on sweepers, who clean the mess left behind." She added that usually after the festival, burnt crackers and other waste are littered on roads in large quantities.

The pourakarmikas don't have the time to segregate the waste, which ends up becoming a mixed waste category, and dumped in landfills. Activists also worry that remnants of phosphorus and sulphur left after burning the crackers, can also cause harm to the city's already deteriorating water quality in lakes.

"Fortunately, we don't see instances of cracker packets floating in the water, however, it's a cause for worry if it rains, as all the chemicals and heavy metals flow into the lakes," he said and added that streamlining waste management after any celebration is crucial.

People can reduce waste generation by bursting green crackers in groups, reusing gift wrappers and moving to sustainable ways of celebrations, which will help the environment.

(Above) People buy crackers in Basavanagudi on Sunday; (Others) Families come together to celebrate the festival of lights in Bengaluru. | NAGARAJA GADEKAL/ ALLEN EGENUSE J

20 suffer burns across city, majority of them bystanders

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

DESPITE Bengalureans taking measures to celebrate Deepavali safely, 20 emergency cases of fireworks mishap were reported in the city till midnight.

Dr Rohit Shetty, Chairman of Narayana Health, said, six of the reported injuries were serious. He added that a bigger cause of worry was that 90 percent of the patients were innocent bystanders who were either watching the fireworks or returning home from work when they got injured.

Three of the six cases at Narayana were between 19 and 22 and one was a 50-year-old person. Patients suffered serious injuries as they had intraocular bleeding and had particles in their eyes, which were removed and cleaned, Dr Rohit added. All the patients are being closely monitored for the next 48 hours to ensure they no permanent damage is done.

Sankara Eye Hospital also reported two firecracker injuries in children aged six and seven. The seven yr old was a bystander with minimum injury.

Diwali crackers sold in black, publicity only by word of mouth

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru:

THE state government's restrictions on the purchase and sale of crackers appear to have had an effect in the city's outskirts and narrow lanes, where crackers are sold at high rates in retail outlets.

Finding locations where crackers are sold is difficult, as there are very few permitted outlets in the city, and finding a retail outlet is even more difficult. Locals are sharing location of the sales only through word of mouth. This is one of the reasons why fewer crackers were burst this season. The other is the high price and the black market.

"Usually, I would get a small box of crackers comprising sparklers, flowerpots and chakri for around Rs 500, but this time a small box of the same items cost me Rs 1,500. Shops that sell cosmetics are selling crackers and deepas (lamps). They are charging the amount printed on the box, and to please customers, are selling them at a discount of Rs 100-200, which is of little significance when I paid Rs 1,500," said Bhavya K, a resident.

Those seeking to buy crackers from designated certified traders and wholesalers were seen standing in long queues for hours. "I searched for crackers all evening but was unable to find them at the usual locations, like open grounds and designated stalls. I asked people around and was directed to a trader, and I was amazed at the crowd. A man standing in the queue told me he had been standing since 4pm," said Jeevan L, a resident.

Police officials on the ground said that they could do little about the retailers selling them. An official on duty at Group-D Layout said: "Since the wholesale trader has a long queue, people are forced to buy from retail outlets. We know they are illegal, but the retailer has also stood in the wholesaler's queue and made purchases to make sales. We cannot do anything as it is festival time."

This is why despite the Supreme Court, National Green Tribunal and state government orders, a large number of people was selling crackers on the city outskirts and in narrow residential by-lanes, even after the stipulated timings, the official added.

A wholesale dealer from Avenue Road said every year he would make sales and people would queue up for long hours to make purchases. But this time he was not given permission but he had the stock. So many people purchased crackers from him and even sold them from their houses. The information of sales spread only through word of mouth, said the dealer not wanting to be named.

Passengers risk life to board trains at Kengeri station

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

A dangerous scenario plays out at the busy Kengeri Railway Station, where 29 of 36 pairs of trains stop and pass by. Trains arrive and depart on the tracks of the interconnected Platforms 2 and 3, while tracks on the other two platforms have trains permanently stationed. The public can board trains only by scaling a steep flight of stairs leading to a Foot Over Bridge (FOB) and alighting by another steep staircase. They resort to numerous risky short-cuts to reach their trains.

Many passengers climb into the coaches of the Belagavi Express (KSR Bengaluru to Belagavi) parked on Platform 1 from 7am to 7 pm, jump out of the open train doors and cross the railway tracks to reach PF 2/3. This train arrives as Rani Chennamma Express from Miraj to Bengaluru and the name is changed later. Another dangerous route a few passengers take is to go down, squeeze themselves through gaps between wheels and reach the other side, say locals.

PF 1 has easy access to the nearby road, Railway Parallel Road. However, since the track here is blocked by a parked train six days a week, other trains cannot stop or start here. GC Deepak, a regular passenger, tells TNIE. "Every day, I watch senior citizens and women, many with luggage, struggle to go up and down the stairs. Trains must stop here to help the public."

When this reporter visited the station, R Ranjitha, a local who is eight months pregnant, was seen alighting from a train from Mysuru with her husband from PF-2. She then climbed the stairs leading to the FOB cautiously and alighted very slowly. "We travel frequently from this station. The present system makes reaching or leaving the platforms quite difficult. You can imagine the strain it is for someone in my condition." Many passengers stressed on the difficulty in boarding trains here. "I use the trolley path. Many women too do it which is actually trespassing," said R. Karthik, a passenger.

Bengaluru Divisional Railway Manager Yogesh Mohan said, "I will see what best can be done. If the public is inconvenienced, we have to find a solution."

A senior official told TNIE, "There are two reasons why the train is being parked on Platform-1 The tracks along Platform 1 and 4 are Loop Line while main lines are located along Platforms 2 and 3. If a train coming from the main line is diverted to the Loop Line, then the speed must be reduced considerably. The deceleration and later acceleration would cause an average time loss of 8 minutes per train. Another reason for parking the train here is there is no space to do so at KSR station." He added, "Elevators are getting installed here and will be commissioned by March 2024. Public can access platforms comfortably after that."

BMTC digital boards to provide route details

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OVER five hundred bus shelters across the city installed with automated digital boards providing Passenger Information Systems (PIS), at BMTC bus shelters across the city. The digital boards are set up at select bus shelters and works are going on to set up a few more.

Chief Traffic Manager Prabhakar Reddi told TNIE, "The project to install digital boards at the bus shelters was pending for long. The project is part of the Nirbhaya Scheme, where bus shelters are set up digital boards that will provide details of BMTC bus routes, the bus registration numbers, the destination of the bus, and the estimated time of arrival in English and Kannada language."

While those who have a smartphone and download the Namma BMTC mobile application can get all these details on the phone, BMTC officials said a major chunk of their passengers prefer to look at the physical boards so that their passengers can plan their journey. Reddi said that the digital boards will provide real-time data on the buses and added, "Works are going on to set up the digital boards in nearly 40 boards. Electric works are going on and it will be completed by this week."

He said that the main prerequisite for setting up the digital boards is power supply and they were not able to do it in some of the places because of the non-availability of it.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

13TH November: Today's celestial patterns combine deep emotion with high inspiration. What could be better? I have a sense that it's a good moment for artists, inventors and anyone who is prepared to challenge accepted norms and conventional wisdom. If that includes you, then have a good day. If it doesn't, then wait a few days until your moment comes!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Among the many complex planetary cycles which are responsible for your changes of mood this year, is one which is now pushing you to ever-stronger intensity in your relationships. You may come to appreciate the possibilities for greater emotional depth!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
If there is any one sign that you can learn from now, it is Libra, the balance. The simple reason is that for the next four weeks you will be obliged to carefully reconcile your interests with partners' - in spite of apparent contradictions. You'll do even better if you make a point of enjoying your family life.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Life is due to get busier, not in any dramatic sense but purely as a result of a rather steady increase in your responsibilities. There is nothing unusual in this, but I would advise you to take great care with working relationships for at least the next fortnight.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The current lunar pattern has one very specific meaning: you will, indeed must, splash out on domestic requirements, on necessities rather than luxuries. Those in the property market should move fast. Aside from that it's a rather poetic day, though perhaps disastrously impractical!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
In all family and domestic matters the ball is in your court today. It really is very much a matter of taking initiatives rather than waiting for other people, or fate, to take your decisions for you. Just remember that each action you take could have hundreds - if not thousands - of consequences.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Your real feelings will be hidden today. Perhaps, then, it is best to carry on dealing with life's routine obligations in an organised and efficient manner. Financial affairs will require greater than average discretion, but then you might say, 'what's new?'

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You might have been experiencing too much nervous tension, but the signs suggest you may now relax. I would, though, advise you to keep alert for passing once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. And keep on the safe side of the authorities. Don't bend the rules unless you know what you're doing!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You can afford to begin to feel just that little bit more self-important. After all, this is one of your special times. You can see the next month as building up to a major turning point in two weeks' time and winding down from there. It's also a useful moment for pressing ahead with private projects.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Quite uncharacteristically, you will be growing much more secretive over the next few months. Suddenly it won't seem such a smart plan to trumpet your ideas and achievements to the whole world. Perhaps that's why you should draw new friends and allies into your circle while the time is right.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Professional ambitions and upheavals should now be drawing to a successful conclusion. There may still be one or two battles to fight, but generally you may be confident that the war has been won. At least, if it hasn't been won, you are now on the final stretch.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Upheavals at work are now only just beginning. Over the next month you will be drawn ever deeper into professional intrigues and battles. Play your cards right and the rewards could be considerable. Everything seems to rest on what other people do, so you may have to wait for them to make the first move.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
In a general sense, your astrological indications are still quite quiet. Working relationships look good, while business matters should soon be resolved after a period of some uncertainty. You'll also be prepared to work hard at an emotional relationship, and that is very much to your credit.

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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7	3	6	2	4	1	9	8	5
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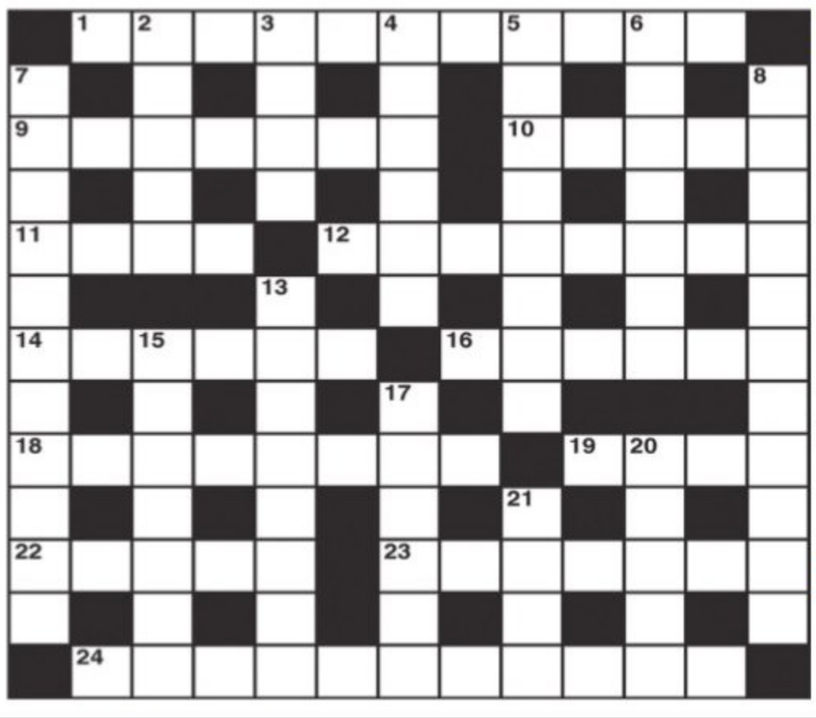
SUDOKU EASY

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Rent is ideal for dwelling (11)
9 Appeal in French to doctor (7)
10 Be prone to illness? (3,2)
11 Shape of eggs at first light (4)
12 His relations make the headlines (8)
14 Find company in one churchman or another (6)
16 A new bride's bits and pieces (6)
18 You will know when you've got it (8)
19 Ring smuggled Algerian port (4)
22 It's sort of very loud and strong (5)
23 Cut down a dentist's work (7)
24 They are not openly played (6,5)

DOWN
2 Unusually speechless actor (5)
3 At the start of last month it turned very cold (4)
4 Good reputation to consider (6)
5 No more to discuss? (4,4)
6 One who helps a superior it's said (7)
7 Not the best moment to sort things out (6,5)
8 Noted part-player on stage (5,6)
13 A Ford not going on return trips (2,3,3)
15 Such nights figured in a fabulous story (7)
17 Not just ugly (6)
20 The hump in the middle of bridges (5)
21 A tune-up during the opera (4)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Advent, 4 Aperture, 9 Tocsin, 10 Palavers, 12 Late, 13 Laser, 14 Tell, 17 Proportioned, 20 Court-martial, 23 Hook, 24 Strap, 25 Cede, 28 Infantry, 29 Tissue, 30 Kingpost, 31 Sandal.

Down: 1 Antelope, 2 Vacation, 3 Naif, 5 Plates of meat, 6 Rear, 7 Uneven, 8 Easels, 11 Master-at-arms, 15 Cocoa, 16 Beard, 18 Diseased, 19 Bluebell, 21 Shrink, 22 Coffin, 26 Snap, 27 Visa.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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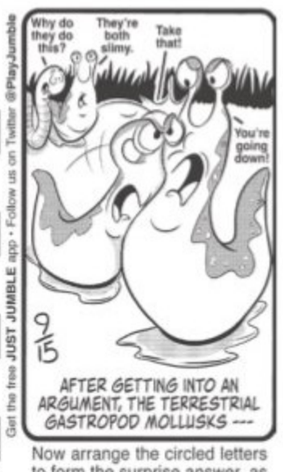
Why do they do this?
They're both slimy.
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AFTER GETTING INTO AN ARGUMENT, THE TERRESTRIAL GASTROPOD MOLLUSKS ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: SNIFF RADAR AVIARY NUANCE
Answer: It was going to cost $500 to change her flight which she thought was an — UNFAIR AIRFARE

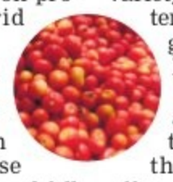
A fire broke out in a BMTC bus in Nelamangala on the outskirts of the city at 1 pm on Sunday The bus caught fire reportedly due to a short circuit. There were 10 passengers in the bus

Scientists working on new climate-, pest-resilient tomato variety

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE effects of climate change and prolonged heat spells are not just seen in people's choices and their ways of life, but even on their plates. Every year, consumers complain of a rise in tomato prices, up to even Rs 300/Kg. There are also days where the prices of tomatoes drop to even 50 paise/Kg. At both extremes, consumers and farmers suffer. Now to address the issue, scientists at from Gandhi Krishi Vignan Kendra (GKVK) and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR) are collaborating to come up with a new variety of tomatoes that are weather- and disease-resistant, withstanding high day temperatures and low night temperatures.

"We are working on a new climate resilient and pest resilient variety. We are working on strengthening farmers with new research techniques. We are also looking at Public Private Partnership (PPP) models in the coming days," said Dr Maheswarappa HP, Director of Research at University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot. The same has been discussed with farmers at the recently held tomato conference organised by GKVK, where they showed keen interest on procuring the new hybrid seeds for cultivation.



A scientist from ICAR- IIHR explained to The New Indian Express that often when day temperatures rise over 30 degree Celsius and fall below 21 degree Celsius at night, flowers drop, affecting overall tomato production. "So we are trying to develop a new variety which will withstand a temperature of up to 38 degree Celsius and even lower than 18 degree Celsius at night. Heat tolerance is a major concern," the scientist said, adding that taste will not be affected.

The number of days when tomato prices are high is increasing by the year. There has been a rise in the number of sunny days and a reduction in rainy days. Farmers are aware of this as they suffer the most. The cost of current hybrid seeds is around Rs 300-400 per 10 grams, so for an acre, a farmer needs around 20 grams of seeds. Farmers welcome hybrid seed varieties when it comes to vegetables unlike in the case of mangoes or rice. Vegetable market is not customer preference driven, the GKVK scientist explained. Researchers explained that while Karnataka has a large tomato market, Madhya Pradesh is the largest. Large areas are also under cultivation in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra, each growing different varieties in clusters. But this new climate-resilient variety will be beneficial to farmers across India.

OBESITY-DRIVEN UTERINE CANCER ON RISE IN K'TAKA

In state, 4.2% of all cases in women are of this type of cancer

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

WHILE uterine cancer is one of the top five cancers affecting women in Karnataka, the obesity-driven cases have become more prevalent among menopausal women.

Dr Rohit R Ranade, Consultant Gynaecologist and Robotic Surgeon, Narayana Health City, said, "We see that 70 per cent of women suffering from uterine cancer are obese now. Over the years, a rise of 25-30 per cent has also been seen in our outpatient department." In 2016-17, they would see one such case in a month which has increased to 3-4 women weighing over 100 kg now.

While describing the condition of one such patient, Dr Rohit said a woman was weighing 136 kg when she arrived at the hospital and was suffering from other morbidities like heart-related issues induced by lifestyle issues like obesity.

Globally, uterine cancer is one of the top cancers affecting six lakh-plus women. In Karnataka, 4.2 per cent of all cases in women are of uterine cancer. Over the last few years, doctors have noted significant lifestyle changes in people leading to a rise in all kinds of cancers. A study focusing on association of obesity with survival outcomes in patients with cancer observed that increased BMI is associated with an increased risk of multiple cancer types. In addition, obesity and being overweight may increase cancer mortality too. They noted a more rapid increase in obesity among adult cancer survivors compared with the general population.

Dr Suresh Babu, Medical Oncologist, Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology (KMIO), said that along with obesity, nulliparity (state of a woman where she has never given birth), is another reason resulting in a rise. Since the number of cases is rising among younger women too, he urged them to be watchful of symptoms like abnormal bleeding and to seek medical intervention at the earliest. Even while undergoing an ultrasound procedure, women must see if there is an abnormal thickness in the uterus lining.

Beyond uterine cancer, obesity has also been linked to cause oesophageal, gastric, colon and rectum, liver, gallbladder, pancreas, postmenopausal breast, ovarian, kidney, meningioma and thyroid cancer, and multiple myeloma.

CELEBRATION TIME

Vidhana Soudha illuminated for Diwali on Sunday evening | ALLEN EGENUSEJ

EXPRESS READ

Driver jumps off 4th floor of building, dies

BENGALURU : A 25-year-old man died by suicide by jumping from the fourth floor of a building in Pattanagere near Rajarajeshwari Nagar, at 10 pm on Saturday. The police are yet to ascertain the reason for his extreme step. The deceased, identified as Madan, had been working as a driver with a private firm. Police said Madan, a native of Shivamogga, had been residing in a rented apartment for over six months with his friend. No death note was found. ENS

Cab driver stabs friend to death in drunken brawl

ENS @Bengaluru

THE Kengeri police have arrested a 36-year-old man who had stabbed his friend to death in a drunken brawl.

The accused has been identified as Madesha R. He is accused of murdering his friend, Rajkumar (34). Both were residents of Kengeri Satellite Town and were cab drivers by profession.

The police said the incident took place on November 6 night when Madesha and Rajkumar were consuming alcohol at a vacant plot near the latter's house. There was a fight between the two following which Madesha allegedly stabbed Rajkumar with a knife. After stabbing him, Madesha went in his car and brought another friend, identified as Khaleem, telling him that he got to know that someone had attacked Rajkumar and he was going to rescue him. "Madesha and Khaleem rushed Rajkumar to a hospital. Soon after admitting him, Madesha went absconding. Rajkumar succumbed to injuries. Madesha was arrested the next day," the police said. "When questioned, Madesha revealed that he had a fight with Rajkumar over some issues earlier and on the fateful day, the latter spoke badly about Madesha's wife and daughter. Raged by this, Madesha attacked him with a knife," the police said.

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No.:KSWC/COM-2/H&T Tender /VijayapuraU-III/1891/2023-24 Date:10.11.2023

SHORT TENDER NOTICE

The Corporation invites tenders through e-procurement for appointing contractors for Handling and Transportation of food grains, Fertilizers and other notified commodities received from bulk depositors at SWH Vijayapura U-III. The interested tenderer may download tender documents, terms and conditions and other details available on the website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/kppp** and submit the filled tender in e-procurement portal o**n or before 21.11.2023 upto 5.00 P.M.** For more details the tenderers may refer website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/kppp** or contact help line 080-25501216/25501227.

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/JA/2078/2023-24 Managing Director, KSWC.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-3/F-85(33)/F-98(14)23-24/6350 & 6353-55 Date: 10.11.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through E-Procurement Mode)

KPTCL invites bid against the following enquiry;

1) Bid enquiry no: **KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(N)/ EE(O)/AEE-3/23-24/EPR-16 Dt: 09.11.2023** for the work of "**Procurement of C type wedge connectors required for various sub-stations and TLM sub-division coming under SRS Peenya Division coming under BMAZ(N) circle jurisdiction.**

2) Bid enquiry no: **KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(N)/ EE(O)/AEE-3/23-24/EPR-15 Dt: 09.11.2023** for the work of "**Procurement of T&P materials for usage at SRS Peenya, Hebbal and NRS Division coming under BMAZ(N)**".

The The Detailed Notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on or **after 16.11.2023 to www.kptcl.com** with hyper Link 'e procurement–KPTCL' or to **https://kppp.karnataka.govt.in**

Sd/-, Superintending Engineer, Elecl.,
Transmission (Maintenance), BMAZ North Circle, Ground Floor, KPTCL Office Complex, KPTCL, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560 009.

FORM NO.14 [See Regulation 33 (2)]
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I-BENGALURU
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

DRC NO: 1072/2019

Canara Bank, BDA Branch, at BDA Complex, 5th Main, K.P.West, Bengaluru-560 020. **...Certificate Holder**

-- Versus --

M/s. Pyramid Logic Associates **...Certificate Debtor(s)**

DEMAND NOTICE

To
M/s. Pyramid Logic Associates, Represented by its Proprietor:
Sri. Selvam P.D. S/o. Doreswamy Wodeyar, No.37/5, 3rd Cross, R.C.Puram, Srirampuram, Bengaluru - 560 021.
In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No.2118/2015** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on **11/11/2019** an amount of **Rs. 35,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization.
You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:
a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.
b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **04th day of Dec, 2019.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, BENGALURU

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.CEE/SLDC/SEEE/EE/AEE-1/2023-24/6542-48 Dated : 10.11.2023

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

KPTCL invites bids against **Enquiry No.KPTCL/CEE/SLDC/SEE/EE/AEE-1/SG-010/2023-24** on Karnataka Public Procurement portal for providing security services **[3 Nos. of Armed security guards + 3 Nos. of Unarmed security guards (2 Nos per Shift i.e. 1 Armed Security Guard + 1 Unarmed Security Guard) + 1No. of unarmed Security Guard (reliever)] to O/o CEE, SLDC, KPTCL office complex, premises & associated office, Control room located at #28, Racecourse cross road, Bengaluru-09 and to [3 Nos. of Unarmed security guards (1No. per Shift i.e. 1 Unarmed Security Guard per shift) + 1No. of unarmed Security Guard (reliever)] O/o SEE, TBC, KPTCL** and associate office located at #39, Shanthi Gruha, 3rd Floor, Bharat Scouts & Guides Building, Palace Road, Bengaluru-01 for a period of 24 Months.
The bids will be received through e-procurement portal only. The details regarding the subject enquiry in the e-procurement portal can be obtained by logging on to **htpp://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **3:00 PM** on **15.11.2023.** Any details required in this regard can also be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Elec.),
State Load Despatch Centre, No. 28,
Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560009.

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office: No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Phone:** 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **City Union Bank Ltd.,** having its Administrative Office at No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001 and one of the branch offices at **Site No.1107, 1st Main Road, Satellite Town, (Opp. to Dominos Pizza) -Kengeri, Bengaluru - Kengeri Branch.** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) & (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **20-07-2023** followed by Paper Publication dated **02-09-2023** calling upon the borrowers **No.1) M/s. Yash Industries, at No.44/3, 711, Gollarahatti, Tulasi Nagar, Hosahalli Gollarapalya, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560079. Also At, M/s. Yash Industries, No.711, Gollarahatti, Tulasi Nagar, Hosahalli, Mangadi Main Road, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560091. Also At, M/s. Yash Industries, at No.44/3, Hosahalli Gollarapalya, Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru - 560091. No.2) Mr. Pankaj Y Hibare, S/o. Yeshwanth Hibare, at No.40/3, Near Gopi School, Kamakshipalya New Layout, Basaveshwarnagar, Bangalore North, Karnataka - 560079. No.3) Mrs. Swati Mohanrao Malvadkar, W/o. Pankaj Y Hibare, at No.40/3, Near Gopi School, Kamakshipalya New Layout, Basaveshwarnagar, Bangalore North, Karnataka - 560079.** to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being **Rs.1,13,81,113 /-(Rupees One Crore Thirteen Lakh Eighty One Thousand One Hundred and Thirteen Only** within 60 days from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from **14-07-2023** with monthly rests.

The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 08th day of November 2023.

The borrowers above named in Particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the Properties and any dealings with the Properties will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd., for an amount of **of Rs.1,18,41,329 /-(Rupees One Crore Eighteen Lakh Forty One Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty Nine Only** and interest thereon from **07-11-2023** till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
(Property Owned by Mr. Pankaj Y Hibare, S/o. Yeshwanth Hibare)

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property bearing the Site No.1, Katha No.56/3, BBMP PID No.014/W0608-8, Municipal No.1, BBMP Ward No.14, Measuring towards Western Side to Southern Side East to West 25 Feet, North to South 25 Feet, and towards Northern Side West Portion East to West 25 feet, North to South 50 feet (i.e, East to West 25 Feet, North to South 75 Feet) situated at Bagalgunte Grama, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, in all measuring 1,875 sq. feet and bounded on East by : Remaining Portion of same Property belongs to Sri.Kenchamuttarayappa West by : Private Property, North by : Property belongs to Ashrama and South by : Road. Together with the site and superstructure to be putup there on in future.

Place : Bangalore, Date : 08-11-2023 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

Whereas
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Gaurav Sharma/ Rekha Devi/ LBBNG00005106526	Schedule 'A' (Description of The Land on Which Project is Developed) All That Piece And Parcel of The Immovable Property Being Portion of Survey No. 118, New Survey No. 139, of Seegehalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, In All Measuring 6 Acres and 9 Guntas and Bounded As Followson The East : Main Road (Hoskote-whitefield Road) West : Private Property North : Cross Road (Chikkabanahalli Road & Jogera Doddi Village South : 30 Ft Wide Road & Private Property Schedule 'B' (Description of Undivided Share Agreed to Be Conveyed) an Undivided 189/265280th Sft Share in The Land Comprised in The Schedule 'A' Property. Schedule 'C' (Description of The Apartment) One Bedroom Apartment No. 001 on The Ground Floor in Vistula-C Block of The Building Known As Project "Alpine Viva" - (Vistula Wing) to Be Constructed in The Schedule-A Property With A Carpet Area of 544 Square Feet And Super Built Up Area of 663 Square Feet Along With One Covered Car Parking Collectively Set Out in The Schedule "C" (Schedule 'C' Apartment) With Proportionate Share in The Common Area of The Project (which is Inclusive of Proportionate Share in Balconies, Common Areas Attributable Thereto And Limited Access to The Terrace Area I.e. From The Lift Room to The Water Tank For The Purpose of Repairs)./ Date of Symbolic Possession on/ 08/11/2023.	27.07.2023 Rs. 24,31,177.00/-	Bangalore
2.	Patsa Nagarjuna/ Avani Madi Reddy/ LBBNG00005392492	Schedule of Property Schedule 'A' Property All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Present Common Clubbed Bbmp Katha No.1101/ Sy. No.68/5, 68/6, 68/7, Converted Sy. No.68/5, Measuring About 5.08 Guntas or 5 1⁄2 Guntas, Sy. No.68/6, Measuring About 7 Guntas, and Sy. No.68/7 Measuring About 18.08 Guntas or 18 1⁄2 Guntas (Converted For Residential Purpose Vide The Conversion Certificate Dated.02/01/2012, Bearing No. ALN (EBB) Sr: 83/2011-12, Issued By The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District). Situated At. Belathuru Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Earlier Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Bangalore East Taluk. All The Lands Together Totally Measures About 31 Guntas, And Bounded on: East By : Sy. No.64. West By : Sy. No.67. North By : Road. South By : Sy. No.64 Schedule 'b' Property 423 Sq.ft Undivided Right, Title and Interest in The Immovable Property Mentioned in Schedule "A" Property Above. Schedule 'C' Property Residential Flat Bearing No. A-305, in Third Floor, Measuring About 1380 Sq.feet Super Built Up Area, Containing Three Bed Rooms, Together With Rcc Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, Together With One Covered Car Parking Space, Including Proportionate Share in Common Areas Such As Passages, Staircase, Etc., In Block-A of Multistoried Residential Building Known As "Slv Greens" Constructed Over Schedule "A" Property./ Date of Symbolic Possession on/ 08/11/2023.	24.07.2023 Rs. 46,27,153.00/-	Bangalore
3.	Elaine Meditec Private Limited/ Fathima Mohammed/ Aftab Zaheer/ LBBNG00004123362	Schedule 'A' Property Herein Before Refereed to All That Piece and Parcel of The Land With Building and Other Construction Thereon, Now Known As Bearing Corporation Nos. 7 & 9 (Old Nos. 1 & 2) Situated in Cunningham Crescent Road. in Corporation Division No.72. Bangalore Totally Measuring 28858 Square Feet. and Bounded on:- East By : Private Property West By : Property Belonging to Mrs. Sufia Begum North By : Private Property South By : Cunnigham Crescent Road: This Property Was Bifurcated & Allotted Separate Numbers As No.7 & 9 Under A Special Notice No. ARO (SN) DA-72-KTR-55/86-87. Dated 30-12-1986 Issued By Assistant Revenue Officer. Shivajinagar Range, Corporation of City of Bangalore. The Portion Retained By The Predecessor in Title (Previous Owner) Was Given No.7, Cunningham Crescent Road, Bangalore And The Schedule B Property Has Been Assigned No.9, Cunningham Crescent Road, Bangalore Schedule 'B' Property Here Before Referred To All That Piece And Parcel of The Land With Building and Other Construction Thereon, Now Known As Bearing Corporation No 9. Situated in Cunningham Crescent Road. in Corporation Division No.72. Bangalore, Totally Measuring 24,908 Square Feet With Over 10 Squares Main Old Building And Bounded on East By : Private Property West By : Property Belonging to Mrs. Sufia Begum and. Portion of Property Retained By The Mrs Hillo R Sethna North By : Private Property South By : Cunnigham Crescent Road & Property Retained By Mrs. Hillo R. Sethna and Assigned No.7 Schedule 'C' Property Apartment Bearing I-4 on Second Floor Now Known As (Sf-4) Measuring 1,845 Square Feet With Appurtenant Terrace Measuring 1,845 Square Feet With Two Car Parking Space in The Multistoried Building Known As La Citadel Under Block 1 Constructed on The Schedule B Property And Mentioned As Block I and Ii Under Municipal Sanctioned Plan Vide L. P. No 712/84-85 Dated 3-09-1985. The Super Built Up Area Works Out to 1,845 Square Feet and Property Id No. 78-51-1&2/21 Issued By The Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Schedule 'D' Property Hereinbefore Referred to 5.2966 % of Undivided Share. Right, Title And Interest In All That Piece and Parcel of The Land More Fully Described In The Schedule B Above. The Total Area of The Schedule 'd' Property Works Out to 1319.27 Square Feet With A Plinth Area of 52.96 Square Feet As Per Agreement of Mrs. Hillo R Sethna With The Promoters/ Date of Symbolic Possession on/ 08/11/2023.	11.07.2023 Rs. 1,69,44,498.00/-	Bangalore
4.	Priya Bhowmick/ Amit Kumar Sahachowdhury/ LBBNG00004610771	Schedule A Property All That Piece And Parcel of Residentially Converted Property Bearing Survey Numbers 36/6 and 36/7 (old Survey Numbers 36) Admeasuring Thirty One Guntas Situated At Chambenahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District Duly Converted From Agricultural To Non Agricultural Residential Purposes Vide Official Memorandum Bearing No. ALN (A)(S)SR137/2011-12 Dated 15.09.2011 Issued By The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore And Bounded As Follows: East By : Road West By : Remaining Portion of Sy. No 36 North By : Remaining Portion of Sy. No.36 South By : Remaining Portion of Sy. No.36. Schedule B Property (Undivided Share in Schedule 'A' Property Agreed To Be Purchased By The Purchaser) 436 Square Feet of Undivided Share, Right, Title And Interest in The Schedule A Property Mentioned Above. Schedule C Property (Description of The Apartment to Be Built For The Purchaser) Apartment Bearing No: 501, In Wing A, Having A Super Built-up Area of 1190 Square Feet, on The Fifth Floor In The Multi Storied Apartment Building Complex Known As "Vivansaa Aurigaa" to Be Constructed on The Schedule A Property, Along With One Exclusive Car Marked Covered/ Uncovered Car Parking Space in The Basement. Super Built Up Area Means And Includes The Exclusive Floor-Area of Each Apartment Unit And The Proportionate Areas Covered By Common Walls, Passages, Stairs, Lift Well And Rooms, Water, Drainage and Electrical Conduits and Other Areas Used in Common With Purchased of Other Apartments./ Date of Symbolic Possession on/ 08/11//2023.	28.07.2023 Rs. 41,39,425.00/-	Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date : November 13, 2023 **Authorized Officer**
Place : Bangalore **ICICI Bank Limited**

Stating that B Y Vijayendra's appointment as the BJP state president is a temporary arrangement, KPCC spokesperson M Lakshman said he would be removed from the post and will be replaced by some other leader by the end of June next year.

Ironing out differences among party leaders priority: Vijayendra

To take charge on Nov 15; visits Lingayat, Vokkaliga mutts; Nov 17 meet to decide on LoP

Newly appointed Karnataka state BJP president BY Vijayendra takes blessings of Sri Siddalinga Swamiji on Sunday | KPN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

NEWLY appointed BJP state president BY Vijayendra, who is all set to take charge on November 15, has said that his priority will be to iron out "small differences" among party seniors and win all the 28 constituencies in Karnataka in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections to strengthen the hands of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Speaking to reporters in Tumakuru, the 46-year-old MLA from Shikaripura said, "More than as BS Yediyurappa's son, the high command gave me the responsibility of leading the party as state president considering me as a youth leader. BJP is a big party and there might be small differences among senior leaders. My priority is to settle such differences, if any, as it is my duty to take them into confidence and seek their guidance and blessing. I spoke to Ravi anna (CT Ravi) and will speak to Basanagouda Patil Yatnal and V Somanna in this regard," he said.

Vijayendra said that he will take charge as party state chief in the presence of senior leaders, including Basavaraj Bommai, CT Ravi, Govind Karjol, B Sriramulu and others.

Meanwhile, Vijayendra called on the seer of Adichunchanagiri Mutt Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji, a prominent Vokkaliga seer, on Saturday evening. On Sunday, he visited the Siddaganga Mutt, a prominent Lingayat religious institution and sought the blessings of Sri Siddalinga Swamiji. He meditated for a while at the 'gadduge' of Sri Shivakumara Swamiji.

Vijayendra, accompanied by his family members, offered prayers to his family deity at Siddalingeshwara temple in Yediyur. Meanwhile, Vijayendra has called for a BJP Legislature Party meeting on November 17 which will decide on the Leader of the Opposition.

NOV 16 RALLY DEFERRED

The BJP workers' rally, scheduled to be held on the Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on November 16, has now been deferred. The decision was taken as BJP national leaders are busy with the polls in five states. "After November 23, we will hold a big public rally. We will invite either Union Home Minister Amit Shah or BJP national president JP Nadda," BJP state general secretary and MLC N Ravikumar said.

Seniors furious with Vijayendra's elevation, but remain silent

BANSY KALAPPA @Bengaluru

WHILE many are celebrating the elevation of young MLA BY Vijayendra as party president, a number of seniors are furious and sulking in silence. First-time MLA Vijayendra's elevation to the post of state president could mean that an entire generation of BJP leaders senior to him and who worked for the party, will be relegated to 'political irrelevance' and may even have lost their chance to be the party's CM face in 2028.

An entire generation of leaders -- former CM Basavaraj Bommai, former ministers Murugesh Nirani and V Somanna, former Union minister Basanagouda Yatnal, former national general secretary CT Ravi and many more — who are older than Vijayendra (47), both in age and political experience, will now have to seek directions from a first-time MLA. Also, by default, Vijayendra is their leader and probably the CM face in 2028.

Senior leaders preferred silence to making any statements which could be detrimental to their political future. Former party national general secretary CT Ravi said, "What Vijayendra has been vested with is not power, but responsibility."

Former minister, Kota Srinivas Poojary, made a cryptic comment— that the result of choosing Vijayendra will be known after the Lok Sabha polls. Senior Lingayat leaders Basavaraj Bommai, Yatnal and V Somanna chose the option of silence. Many senior leaders have privately expressed anger over his elevation, and sworn that the party will pay for its mistake.

Those furious with Vijayendra's elevation said if BS Yediyurappa had chosen one of his loyal followers as party president, it wouldn't have mattered, but that he chose his son has set a bad precedent. One analyst said, "If Yediyurappa's anger against BJP after being forced to step down, resulted in the party's disastrous performance in 2023, what will the collective anger of so many leaders do to the party in 2024?"

One source said it's going to be Yediyurappa and Vijayendra versus the angry leaders. Party chief spokesman Mahesh said, "No one is angry. Politics is arithmetic, with JDS as our ally, we have Vokkaliga supporters on our side and other communities too." A BJP leader said, "Ananth Kumar became party president when he was younger than Vijayendra. He took BJP from 40 to 87. Age and seniority do not count. The party that Ananth Kumar built helped his opponent Yediyurappa become CM. In the present 'power politics', Vijayendra is a good choice."

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GUARANTEES

Don't get mislead by Congress assurances, HDK tells voters

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State JDS president and former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy addresses reporters in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

JDS state president HD Kumaraswamy on Sunday tore into the state Congress government and its leaders for rampant corruption and failure on all fronts and appealed to voters in five election-bound states, including Telangana, not to be misled by their false assurances.

"I request voters in five states not to be misled by false assurances by Congress leaders," the former CM said while addressing a press conference in Bengaluru.

"In Karnataka, they not only announced five guarantees, but many of their candidates also distributed (gift) cards to people to purchase material worth Rs 5000 after the election. Be careful, one or two days before voting they will announce this (gift card) guarantee to mislead you. They did the same in Karnataka to come to power and want to expand it to the entire country," he said.

Taking a dig at CM Siddaramaiah, Kumaraswamy said they promised to provide 200 units of free power but pushed Karnataka into darkness and now they are talking about giving five hours of uninterrupted power to farmers in Telangana, the state that gives 24 hours power to farmers.

Congress leaders are talking about filing 2 lakh government jobs in Telangana, but they have not been able to fill 2.5 lakh jobs in Karnataka, he said.

The Congress leaders are talking about the Shakti scheme (free travel for women in state transport corporation buses), but there is a shortage of buses and staff to maintain the fleet, and many women, including CM's home district Mysuru, have not received money under the "Gruha Laxmi" scheme, he said and added that and there is a severe staff shortage in many departments, including Agriculture department.

He also slammed the Siddaramaiah government for stopping the Rs 4000 additional amount that was given to farmers along with Rs 6,000 from the PM Kisan Samman scheme. It was started during the BJP government in the state and stopped by the Siddaramaiah government, but now they are talking about giving financial assistance to farmers in Telangana, which is the first state in the country to give Rs 10,000 to farmers under the Raita Bandu scheme, he said.

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> HD Kumaraswamy, state JDS president and former CM

The JDS leader accused the Congress central leadership of setting targets for all ministers to collect money for elections in other states.

The former CM said there is no question of the regional party merging with BJP and they have retained their identity. "We are part of NDA," he said.

'Rs 1.9 crore for imported furniture'

Kumaraswamy said a minister got Rs 1.9 crore worth of furniture imported for the CM's official residence. He said as per his information it was not government money, but a minister got it. "It is an updated version of the Hublot watch," he said referring to the controversy over gifting of an expensive watch to Siddaramaiah during his previous tenure as CM.

DKS: Let HDK learn about guarantee schemes from voters of Channapatna

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DEPUTY Chief Minister and KPCC president DK Shivakumar on Sunday hit out at former CM HD Kumaraswamy for criticising the State Government's guarantee schemes.

Speaking to reporters after addressing a campaign rally in neighbouring Telangana on Sunday, Shivakumar said that Kumaraswamy should approach the people of his constituency Channapatna to know about the success of the guarantees.

Speaking to reporters on Sunday, Shivakumar said that if Kumaraswamy has knowledge of the problems faced by the poor, he would not have criticised the guarantees.

"People who are in need are benefitting from the guarantees and they are happy. Kumaraswamy is neither a beneficiary nor does he has any idea about the schemes. Let him ask his voters to know if the benefits of the guarantees, including Gruha Jyoti, Gruha Lakshmi, and Shakti, have reached them or not," the KPCC chief said.

He, however, said there was a technical issue which prevented the schemes from reaching 5% of the targeted population which is being sorted now.

Shivakumar expressed confidence in the Congress winning all the five seats in Telangana where he campaigned. "I am confident that the Congress will form the government in Telangana on December 9. Like Karnataka, Congress will implement all guarantee schemes here and the preparation for this has already started," he added.

On Kumaraswamy's allegation that the Congress high command was giving a target to Karnataka ministers to collect money for the five state polls, Shivakumar said that may be Kumaraswamy has such a target. "Our ministers are going to Telangana to campaign. Looks like Kumaraswamy has lost patience" he said.

When Shivakumar was asked if Siddaramiah is serving "notice period", he said people in Karnataka have voted for Congress and the party has a full majority. "We all work as per directives of the high command and there is no need to discuss it further," he added.

Ahead of 2024, BJP & Cong enter revamp mode

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru:

AHEAD of the Lok Sabha polls, Congress and BJP are in revamping their party units in Karnataka. While the BJP got a new state president in B Y Vijayendra, leaders are gearing up with the names of office-bearers to be announced.

The Congress is also making changes among its office-bearers, as many ministers are holding two positions, including party responsibilities. The party, which came to power a few months ago, has inducted many senior leaders in the Siddaramaiah cabinet. "Ministers Ramalinga Reddy, Eshwar Khandre and Satish Jarkiholi are KPCC working presidents, while ministers MB Patil and Dr G Parameshwara are heading the KPCC campaign committee and KPCC manifesto committee, respectively. With Lok Sabha and other polls coming up, it might be difficult for them to handle both positions," a senior leader said on condition of anonymity.

The leader said they had been expecting a revamp in September. The party high command as well as ministers from Karnataka, who are busy campaigning in other states, are likely to take it up in December.

Meanwhile, with Vijayendra as the new president, the party is also expected to restructure the state unit. According to senior BJP leader and MLC N Ravikumar, the process of restructuring is expected to be done post November 15, when Vijayendra is likely to assume the post. "We will discuss and carry out a revamp of the state office-bearer. Till then, the present office-bearers will work under the new president," he said.

Sources said there is pressure on BJP leaders to win more seats in the Lok Sabha polls. "We need to appoint office-bearers, keeping social engineering in mind. We should select a person who is capable, whose presence helps the party in elections, and is also loyal to the party. This will take some time, but party leaders will decide at the earliest as we don't have much time for the upcoming polls," sources said.

TOUGH TASK AHEAD FOR BJP IN FINDING CANDIDATES FOR LS POLLS

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RETIREMENT WOES

WITH senior MPs like DV Sadananda Gowda quitting electoral politics and a few others facing anti-incumbency in their constituencies, the BJP high command has a big challenge ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections in finding winnable candidates to match the veterans. Apart from 72-year-old Gowda, MP for Bengaluru North, According to informed sources, Tumakuru MP G S Basavaraju (72), Chamarajanagar MP V Srinivasa Prasad (76), Bagalkot MP PC Gaddigouda, and Ballari MP Yarabasi Devendrappa (72) are unlikely to contest the polls owing to their age and health issues and have expressed the same with the party top brass.

Koppal MP Karadi Sanganna (73), Davanagere MP GM Siddeshwara(71) and Chikballapur MP BN Bachegowda (81) are also likely to miss the bus. "Haveri MP Shivakumar Udasi has reportedly expressed his desire not to contest the LS polls. Uttara Kannada MP Anantkumar Hegde is also unlikely to be fielded. According to a BJP internal survey, Kolar MP S Muniswamy, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, and Dakshina Kannada MP Nalin Kumar Kateel, who is a former BJP state president, are facing a strong anti-incumbency in their respective constituencies," added the source.

So in over a dozen of seats in Karnataka, BJP has a big task of fielding new faces and is likely to go with the survey findings to find the right candidates. In a few seats, the party is likely to groom new generation leaders.

Whether will it adapt a strategy of the assembly polls in which more new faces being introduced that however proved the saffron party costly, as it could win sixty six seats, and will go ahead by experimenting with the same banking on the charisma of the prime minister Narendra Modi is to be seen, observed political analysts.

Another factor that will determine who the candidates will be is BJP's alliance with JDS, mainly in the Old Mysuru region. For instance, BJP wants Tumakuru seat as the JDS could not win it in 2019 despite former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda contesting from there.

As soon as former CM Sadananda Gowda, a Vokkaliga leader, announced his retirement from electoral politics, names of several other leaders of the community, including Udupi-Chikkamgaluru MP Shobha Karandlaje, have been making the rounds for the Bengaluru North seat. If the party desires to field former minister CT Ravi from Udupi-Chikkamagaluru, then Shobha may be shifted to Bengaluru North.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha among others are also eyeing the seat which has a sizable Vokkaliga population. But party spokesperson Ashwathnarayan Gowda, who had garnered 6,71,388 votes against DK Suresh of Congress in Bengaluru Rural in 2019, is also a strong contender for the Bengaluru North seat. Former minister CP Yogeshwar is likely to be the alliance candidate from Bengaluru Rural in the 2024 LS polls.

A folk artiste performs at the famous Hasanamba temple in Hassan on Sunday. The temple, which opens once a year during Diwali, will be shut again on Tuesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

'Bagdes will ensure security'

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OFFICIAL sources said that initially, the idea was to get the badges for MLAs. But after members of the Legislative Council too showed interest, the badges are being made for them too. "Each badge costs around Rs 2,800 and each MLA will get three sets. The entire cost comes to around Rs 20 lakh. The Finance Department has given its approval for the proposal," the sources said.

During the budget session this July, an unknown person, who was not an MLA, entered the Assembly and sat for sometime. This serious breach of security would not have occurred if legislators had such badges, the sources added.

Hampi pillar disfigured for CM's function, notice slapped

AMIT S UPADHYE @Hubballi

IN a shocking incident, a historical pillar inside Virupaksha Temple in Hampi was disfigured, allegedly to tie a flag during a recent function attended by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

Officials from the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) issued notice to Endowment Department officials and sought an explanation. It has come to the notice of the ASI team that a drilling machine was used on one of the pillars to put in a nail. A flag was attached to the pillar during a function held last week, and the mishap came to light when the poles were being cleared of decorative items.

An official from ASI Hampi Circle said the officer in charge of the Endowment department, who works in Hampi, was summoned and a notice slapped. "The ASI team has taken note of the damage. Photographs of the damaged part in the pillar have been taken for documentation. As Hampi falls under the UNESCO Heritage Site list, even the slightest damage to the heritage monuments is taken seriously. It's not being asked why local officials did not act when drilling was being done," the official said.

Local activists demanded that officials responsible for the act should be suspended. "On the day of the Kannada Jyothi function attended by CM Siddaramaiah, poles were covered with the Kannada flag colours. As several VIPs were attending the function, local officials did not act. ASI and Hampi management officials must be alert whenever any big functions are conducted in Hampi," suggested an activist.

Five buses were gutted as a fire broke out in a workshop in in Tamando area, Bhubaneswar, on Sunday. The blaze erupted as welding work was being carried out on one of the parked buses and it spread to four other vehicles. However, no injuries were reported in the incident

'NEED TO FOCUS ON CHILD RIGHTS, CHILD LABOUR AND CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN'

From the drought situation pushing young girls into child marriage to measures that need to be taken, **Vasudev Sharma**, Executive Director, Child Rights Trust, former member, Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, and ex-chairperson, Child Welfare Committee (Bengaluru), speaks about various issues related to children, in a freewheeling interaction with the editors, reporters and staffers of The New Indian Express. Excerpts:

EXPRESS Dialogues

Families in rural areas are getting their daughters married early because of drought, how is the scenario now?

During the Covid-19 pandemic, child marriages were prevalent because they thought the media wouldn't cover them. Also, people went home because of lockdowns, and a lot of them got into romantic relationships. Similarly, during drought, people think that if they wait, prices might go up and their poverty situation might be different, so they just want to get daughters married. Most girls in Class 9 or 10 are married off. Having said that, there are a lot of government and NGO initiatives to prevent this from happening. We hope the drought situation doesn't push all young girls into child marriages, especially in rural areas.

Despite stringent laws, we still have cases of child labour in the state and country...

In Bengaluru's urban areas, there might not be so much child labour but in suburban and rural areas, there is still child labour. We cannot close our eyes and just wish away child labour. In North Karnataka, for agri-based work, child labour is still prevalent. 'Chikkis' in small sheds are made by children. Making bricks also involves a lot of child labour. However, for a long time, we have believed that families have migrated from North Karnataka for labour, but this has changed now as children are found from North Indian states. Even families from the Northeast are here.

What is the reporting mechanism and how is it lacking?

We can say the reporting mechanism today is limping. So far, we had a robust system of 1098 helplines, which involved NGOs, District Child Protection Units (DCPs) and the police. Now, the Government of India has taken the operation under the Integrated Child Protection Scheme staff under district Child Protection Units. We hope it is going to be a good one. In some districts, it is not established yet, but will be slowly. The only problem we see is that the helpline gives multiple options. If children are in distress, they have to wait to get to the option that offers help for children. By that time, they will either cut the call or be disinterested in reporting the crime. The system should be such that once you call, someone responds immediately. Childline did that, but the new system may hamper reporting and go down drastically. We wish that police stations are more child-friendly.

What can be done to curb crimes against children?

We need the government to define an age for children and adolescents, some Acts say 12 years, some say 14 years. Some laws fall in grey areas. Child and Adolescent Labour Prohibition Regulation Act says 'no' to child labour for up to 14 years, but the Street Vendors Act allows a 14-year-old to own a licence. Generally, child labour attracts a fine and imprisonment ranging from 7 years to 14 years. Karnataka has good Acts such as nullifying child marriages, and fines for child labour, but how well are they implemented? Punishment is not the solution. In what way have we educated people and made them understand that these are not good? Not enough discussions have happened in public forums. We have to talk about how maternal mortality, child marriages, childbirth and malnutrition are related, which we need to publicise more.

Are child marriages also prevalent because of undefined age factors, and individuals find loopholes?

That is the biggest confusion. Traditional age and legal age are considered different. There are religious misunderstandings also. Even today, people think the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006 is only for Hindus. It is a national Act. Although we are in 2023, the mindset is still in the 1850s. When a girl hits puberty in rural areas, it's said that her age to get married has arrived. We are not educating our boys enough on what they should be doing and what they shouldn't. Even in schools when they are teaching about menstruation, boys are driven away. They are not made aware of anything. There is a big misconception about virginity, and boys somehow have a lot of information about it.

What is the age to be followed while booking someone for child marriage?

If the girl is below 18, and the boy is below the age of 21. Completion of the year needs to happen for marriage.

How big a role do stakeholders play while making laws and Acts for children? Or do people just make laws assuming they understand the subject well?

In India, we don't have a history of people's involvement while making laws. However, over the years, such as when the Juvenile Justice Care and Protection Act came in, that process was good. Several consultations were done and we were a part of it. We also consulted children and we spoke about terms such as 'protection' and 'justice'. Such consultations were held all over the country, and even in rural areas.

While creating laws related to children, are stakeholders actively involved, or is the process often dominated by individuals who believe they know what's best for children, without considering broader perspectives?

In the development of laws concerning children, input is sought from both government entities and non-governmental organisations (NGOs). The process involves various steps to reach the stage of crafting a law or act. Regarding stakeholders in children-related laws, families and local governments are typically recognized as key participants. The government's shift from the National Education Policy (NEP) to the State Education Policy (SEP) seems to prioritize children's interests, but it raises concerns about whether this decision violates their choice, as they are not actively involved in the decision-making process. Currently, this is a contentious matter. The Central government supports the National Education Policy (NEP), while state governments are advocating State Education Policies (SEPs). However, this situation has created a divide, as some children follow the central syllabus, and others the state syllabus. It's evident that a more inclusive process, with broader consultations, should have been in place. Decisions on education policies should be based on scientific data and informed discussions, considering children's expectations alongside other important factors. A growing child is typically seen as a parental responsibility. However, in the context of education policies like NEP and SEP, it becomes the shared responsibility of society and government.

Is the deterrence factor of laws effective when it comes to matters concerning rights, particularly when we see practices like the Devadasi system?

I strive to alter the narrative and transform societal perspectives, seeking to change not only statutory laws but also entrenched cultural norms perpetuating practices like the Devadasi system.

Do you think technology in the hands of children, especially in rural areas, is benefiting them? Many children are now growing up with smartphones in their hands...

We are scared because we think children are going to harm themselves with technology. Once upon a time, children had only books and newspapers. Later, we got radio and television, then mobiles and the internet. Let us help children with information on how to use it because if we say no to it, then we are creating more harm. Of course, there will be misuse, abuse and to an extent, self-harm. Children without their knowledge are creating 'porn' (self-generated porn) and are becoming victims of online child sexual abuse. We need to help them with do's and don'ts, and should not scare them. We are working on material on 'sexuality education' for children at lower levels up to PU level. Along with children, teachers, school management and parents should be made aware of this.

What rights do children have within the school setting?

I see the rights of children from the point of participation in decision-making. The political meaning of 'participation' is that 'without me being part of the decision, one cannot make a decision on me'. Participation is an informed decision and schools should be places where they experience what participation is. For instance, children can be consulted on what 'sambar' they wish to have the next day. A 'school' has to be one with 'child rights'. We need to sensitize the school management and teachers and non-teaching staff to be part of child rights, which should be part of the Teacher Certificate Higher (TCH), B.Ed and M.Ed curriculum.

How have children's crimes evolved? Children are also taking extreme steps and ending their lives. What can be done to prevent them?

Individual children getting involved in violation of laws and children being induced into organised crimes is happening. Children being pulled and pushed into crimes is a reality, but the pattern is changing. If we do an analysis of the children who are getting stuck in the Juvenile Justice Board, they have a pathetic support system. We need to do a lot of work to provide support systems to our children. We see children as human resources. Children have to be provided with appropriate systems to come back to the mainstream. We need to provide opportunities for children to use their energies. For instance, a city like Bengaluru, which has 200 wards, should be split into manageable pieces and there should be groups coming up with activities for children and adolescents, where they can use their energies. Earlier, we had a lot of places and playgrounds, however, they have shrunk where children cannot even run around with their full energy.

K'taka govt set to hand over 20K homes to urban poor in March '24

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka government under the CM's Bengaluru Multi-Storey Housing Scheme is likely to hand over 20,000 houses to beneficiaries of the urban poor and those falling under SC categories by March 2024 through Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation Limited (RGHCL). Giving homes to beneficiaries will be like an advance Ugadi gift from the state government.

Susheelamma N, Managing Director, RGHCL said, "The work for ground plus 3 and stilt plus 14 floors format is going on at a fast pace in 29 different survey numbers in Bengaluru Urban district. By Jan, 20,000 houses will be almost ready. The project had started in 2017." "A 1BHK unit will be spread over 500 sqft including common area. It will cost Rs 10.60 lakhs only. Out of the total subsidy of Rs 2.70 lakh, Rs 1.5 lakh will come from the union government under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and Rs 1.20 lakh from the state for beneficiaries falling in the general category. Similarly, for the SC community, the union government will give Rs 1.5 lakh and the state government will give Rs 2 lakh as subsidy." said Susheelamma. The official added, that the units have all the facilities like power, water, lift and amenities including a Sewage Treatment Plant, and is approved by RERA.

"We also have initiated the E-Khata process and about 5,600 units are pending before Panchayat Development Officers for approvals. Since there is a software issue to generate the Property Identification details, it is yet to reflect on 'E-Swathu' platform. The department concerned has to rectify and hopefully by March, 20,000 houses will be handed over to beneficiaries," stated the MD.

Not murder for gain: SP

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THERE is no prima facie evidence to say that the murders occurred because of a family issue, the SP said. Malpe police have registered the case.

Sources said that the absence of CCTV cameras at the residential area or inside the house, where the incident occurred, has come as an impediment to the investigation. The police have formed five teams to crack the case.

Asked whether there were more than one accused involved, the SP said a detailed investigation will be conducted to find more facts. He, however, noted that personal enmity could be the reason behind the horrific murders. "We will not be able to conclude the actual reason at this stage of investigation. Since no property is missing from the house, we believe that it could not be a murder for gain. There were only five people in the house when the incident took place," he added.

FORM NO.14 [See Regulation 33 (2)]
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FORM NO.14 [See Regulation 33 (2)]
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - I - BENGALURU
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

DRC NO: 1237/2019

Syndicate Bank, Whitefield SME Branch, Whitefield Bengaluru - 560 066. ...Certificate Holder
Versus
M/s. Grace Dental Clinic ...Certificate Debtor(s)

DEMAND NOTICE

To
1. M/s. Grace Dental Clinic, Represented by its Proprietor Dr. Mohammed Ameen S/o. Mohammed Khasim, No.300, 1st Floor, Pillana Complex, Whitefield, Bengaluru -560 066.
2. Mr. Khalid Ahmed, S/o. Sri. Abdul Razak No.360, Outer Circle, Whitefield Bengaluru - 560 066.

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In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:
a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.
b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 6 day of Jan, 2020.
Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-I, DRT-1: BENGALURU

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FORM NO. 14: [See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication.
OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2)
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore -560001.

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC/462/2020

CANARA BANK
Versus
VESTA BEAUTY TOUCH, LATER NAME AS VESTA BEAUTY TOUCH UNISEX SALOON AND SPA, A PROPRIETRIX CONCERN, REP BY ITS PROPRIETRIX SMT UMA.

To
(CH 1) CANARA BANK, Lalbagh West Branch, M N K Rao Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560004. Rep by its Sri S Damodar, S/o Sri.G. Sambugam ...CERTIFICATE HOLDERS
(CD 1) VESTA BEAUTY TOUCH, Later Name as Vesta Beauty Touch unisex Saloon and SPA, a proprietrix concern, Rep by its Proprietrix Smt Uma, No. 1372/C/1/01-01 32nd, E- Cross, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560041
(CD 2) SMT.UMA N, W/o Sri Manjunatha P, Residing at No 715/183, 2nd Floor, Nagasandra Circle, Model House Street, 3rd Cross, Bengaluru-560004 ...CERTIFICATE DEBTORS

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2) in OA/1747/2018 an amount of Rs. 19,49,800.92 (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Forty Nine Thousands Eight Hundred And Paise Ninety Two Only) along with pendentellite and future interest as applacableas per RC w.e.f. 16/11/2018 and cost till realization has become due against you (Jointly and severally). 2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under. 3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing. 4. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: 26/08/2021.
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DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT 2)

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank | Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

Whereas
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002, issued demand notices upon the borrowers mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
As the borrower failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/ her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs.)	Name of Branch
1.	Hanamanth Gurupad Halaki/ Ashwini Hanamanth Halaki/ LBBGM00005942547	(As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel of The Property Comprised In Residential Site Plot No.38, Corresponding Cts No.4099, Ad- Measuring: East-west: 60ft & North-south: 40'ft In All Measuring: 2400 Sq. Feets.,= 223.0 5 Sq.mtrs, (as Per Cts = Records), Which Consists of Rcc Ground Floor Building Measuring: 1000 Sq.fts., And First Floor Building Measuring: 1100 Sq.fts., Totally Built Up Area 2100sq.fts.,provided With All Civic Amenities, Like Electricity, Tap Water And Latrine Etc., From Out of R.S.No: 1/1 & 1/2. Situated At Buda Scheme No.40-A, 1stage Extension., Hanuman Nagar, Belagavi., Within The Limits of Corporation of City of Belagavi., Within The Jurisdiction of Subregistrar, Belagavi Said Property Is Bounded By As Follows. North: Plot No.39., Cts No.4098 South: Plot No.37., Cts No.4100 East: Plot No.5., Cts No.4121 &cts No.4120 West: 30'ft Wide Road/ Date of Symbolic Possession On/09/11/2023.	05.04.2023 Rs. 1,50,11,193.00/-	Belgaum
2.	Abdul Raheem/ Munahira Begum/ LBBNG00005568117	(as Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering All That Piece And Parcel of Land And Building, Measuring Cast To West 30" (Thirty Feet), North To South 38' (Thirty Eight Feet), And Another Bit Attached To It Towards Southern Side Measuring Cast To West 3ft, North To South 14ft, Bearing Site No.147, Out of Alienated Sy. No.159 (Alienated In Aln Sr.12/96-97, Dt.23-8-96 of A.c. Kolar And Aln.sr.5/96-97, Dt.5-10- 96 of Tahsildar, Bangarpet Taluk, And The Lay-out Plan Approved By Kgf., Development Authority, Vide Their No.1/98-99, Dt.12-6-98),bearing Municipal Khathe K. No.1512, Situated At S.a.abdul Gaffoqr Layout, Bangarpet Town, Bangarpet Town Municipal Limits North:road South: Private Property East:site No. 146 West: Site No. 148/ Date of Symbolic Possession On/09/11/2023.	02.03.2023 Rs. 20,60,203.00/-	Bangalore
3.	Samir Tukaram Kulkarni/ Ashali Samir Kulkarni/ LBBGM00000350293	(As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering Plot No 438, R.s. No. 32/2/2/4,- B-2annapurna Vastu, Infirnt of Ambika Tiles, Bhagya Nagar, Belgaum 590006 (Admeasuring An Area of As Per Sale Deed North: As Per Sale Deed South: As Per Sale Deed East: As Per Sale Deed West: As Per Sale Deed/ Date of Symbolic Possession On/09/11/2023.	15.03.2022 Rs. 1,57,770.00/-	Belgaum

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/ guarantors(s) are hereby given a 30 day notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold on the expiry of 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, as per the provisions under the Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date: November 13, 2023
Place: Belgaum & Kolar
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EDITORIAL

What revolutions really do is transform basic assumptions about what politics is ultimately about

David Graeber

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— Ramnath Goenka

ACTION AGAINST MOITRA VIOLATES DOCTRINE OF PROPORTIONALITY

IN the dramatic takedown of Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra by the Lok Sabha Ethics Committee, the basic principles of natural justice appear to have been the casualty. How else does one explain the panel's 6:4 recommendation of her culling following cash-for-query allegations in the House of the People against her when there is zero evidence of the money trail. The alacrity with which the panel went after her contrasts with the longest rope possible it gave to Bharatiya Janata Party MP Ramesh Bidhuri for his hate speech against Bahujan Samaj Party member Danish Ali on the floor of the House recently. By its obvious slant, the panel raised the stature of the feisty, articulate and abrasive Moitra, whom her party chief Mamata Banerjee is yet to defend in public.

What appeared to be a petty domestic quarrel acquired national security dimensions after Moitra's estranged partner brought BJP MP Nishikant Dubey into the picture. The charge is that she shared her parliamentary login access with Dubai-based industrialist Darshan Hiranandani to post Lok Sabha questions against the Adani group so as to put Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the mat. The information technology ministry joined the investigation and found that her account was indeed accessed 47 times from Dubai. Finding himself between a rock and a hard place, Hiranandani agreed in an affidavit that he had her parliamentary login id and password and that he showered her with costly gifts and funds. Moitra then admitted she used secretarial services from the industrialist's office but said the system had an OTP signoff that was under her control. She challenged Hiranandani to provide an itemised list with proof of the funding and pricey gifts, which has not been furnished yet. Short of that, the panel had no smoking gun, yet it described her actions as highly objectionable, unethical, heinous and criminal while suggesting her expulsion from the Lok Sabha.

Moitra giving Hiranandani her parliamentary access was an act of indiscretion and recklessness for which she may have deserved a slap on the wrist. Any action beyond that would go against the doctrine of proportionality. In the absence of any regulations, most Lok Sabha members do share their login credentials with their aides and manage their access remotely. The Lower House ought to keep that in mind when it debates the panel's findings next month. Smothering her right to free speech using the National Democratic Alliance's numerical majority would amount to an assault on democracy.

KERALA DESPERATELY NEEDS MORE TRAINS

A few women fainted inside an overcrowded train compartment and were taken to hospitals, some people fell on the track while trying to board the train and many others were left stranded in the railway station as they failed to find foot space in the train. The railway system in Kerala has been in the news with such stories for the past few weeks, barring a silver lining announcement of a new Vande Bharat Express. Travelling in trains, especially in unreserved compartments—the main mode of conveyance for thousands of daily commuters and the not-so-privileged—is increasingly becoming a harrowing experience. The scenario is especially grim in the northern districts of Malappuram, Kozhikode, Kannur and Kasargod, primarily because of the lack of sufficient trains plying through these parts of the state. Another reason is the increase in the number of commuters opting for trains these days, as the ongoing road widening works on NH-66 have thrown road traffic out of gear.

But the imminent reason cited for this unusual situation, according to commuters and the railway users' association, is the Railways' decision to reduce the number of general coaches. While there were four or five general compartments in most trains earlier, the number has been reduced to three or even two now. Instead, the number of AC compartments—which bring more moolah to the Railways—has been increased. While the decision may be financially prudent for the establishment, it puts ordinary commuters on the wrong side of the track.

Passengers have been taking out marches and organising sit-ins to get the attention of the railway authorities. The Railways did add one more general compartment in a few trains after much hue and cry, but that has not mitigated the travel woes of commuters, who say the solution lies in introducing more short distance trains, general compartments and MEMU services. Better planning of train timings can also play a part in addressing the current mess. If these issues are not addressed now, it may become messier as vacation season is coming up. Otherwise, train journeys will continue to be a harrowing experience for the ordinary people of Kerala. The state, where ticketless travel is almost nil, certainly deserves a better deal.

QUICK TAKE

ALCOHOL TEST NEEDS MORE TESTS

ARE you up for enunciating tongue-twisters like 'The sixth sick sheikh's sixth sheep's sick' before getting to drive your car? It might be a reality in a not-too-distant future if researchers led by Stanford University's Dr Brian Suffoletto are to be believed. Their research claims to be able to ascertain up to 98 percent accuracy when someone has had a drink too many from changes in the pitch and frequency of their voice while reciting knotty sentences. The problem is that the research was done entirely on white North Americans. People of different builds and genetic pools react differently to alcohol. So such a biased technology could be cause for mayhem.

Indian campuses are usually afire with protests during a conflict, but this has not been so during the Israel-Hamas war. Campus politics would have cost parents and administrators dearly

INDIA'S CAMPUSES HAVE CHOSEN THE SOUND OF SILENCE

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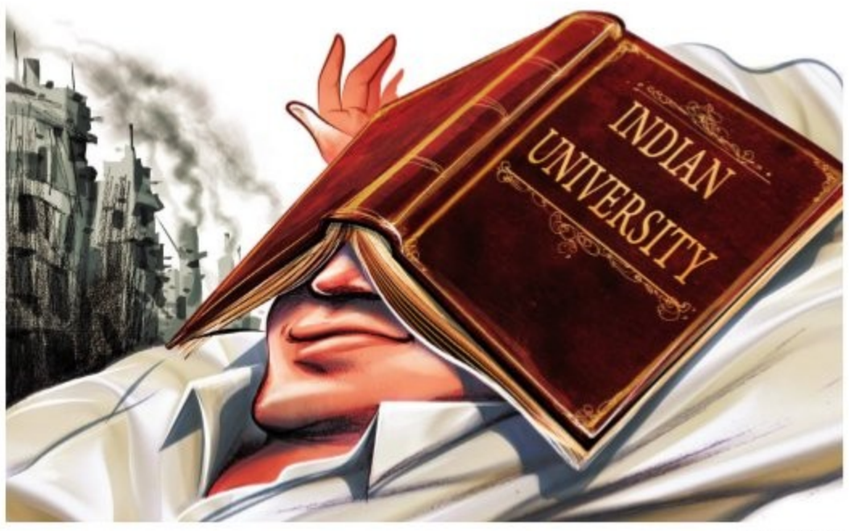

SOUMYADIP SINHA

WHILE elite campuses all over the free world, especially in the United States, have erupted in pro-Palestinian protests, Indian universities have remained relatively quiet. What explains this difference? Of course, there were protests at Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) which were quickly suppressed or defused, with some student leaders even facing arrests. AMU's romance with Islamist separatism, often under the guise of Left radicalism, goes back to the very start of the Pakistan movement.

What about Jawaharlal Nehru University, where such 'progressive' demonstrations usually begin? It's been entirely peaceful here. I should know because I am not only the senior-most professor in JNU, whatever the value of such a dubious distinction, but also the author of *JNU: Nationalism and India's Uncivil War* (2022), which is on the toxic Left politics on our campuses. But apart from a stray protest march by the Student Federation of India in Delhi, there is no evidence of anti-Israeli student activism in India. In contrast, pro-Palestinian campus caucuses in the US and UK have turned increasingly shrill, intolerant, even antisemitic and violent. This has led to crackdowns by campus authorities, and prospective employers have called for boycotting the perpetrators.

One notable feature in the anti-Israeli coalition is the strange, if not unholy, alliance of revolutionary Marxists and radical Islamists. Strange because whenever the latter has seized power, as in Iran, Afghanistan or elsewhere, the first ones to be executed are the Leftists. Unholy because it is doctrinally impossible for atheist communists, considered "kafirs", to make common cause with devout worshippers of Allah.

Yet the strange fascination with and justification of violence, ranging from the amoral to the theologically sanctioned, binds them both. The cult of violence is not only fatal to the votary and his enemies, but is also intoxicating, if not numbing. Not just to mobs close by but to innocents and idiots far away, especially if they are young, impressionable, and privileged. Such as students on elite campuses, who are very easy to guilt-trip.

Apart from AMU, in private universities like Ashoka, too, we notice a similar combination of Leftist Islamism among some faculty members. In a recent article for *The Wire*, a historian-cum-political scientist, himself from a feudal family, exalts the Islamist revolutionary Syed Fazl-ul-Hasan (1875-1951). Better known as Maulana Hasrat Mohani, he is credited with coining the slogan *"Inquilab Zindabad"* (Long live Revolution). I haven't found clinching evidence of this.

"The Maulana had 3 holy M's which he held dear: Mecca, as a Muslim, Mathura as a devotee of Krishna Ji and Moscow which for him represented a political model of equality," says this Ashoka faculty member. Mohani was an active Congressman before joining the Muslim League. There is an oft-repeated claim that he was a founding member of the Communist Party of India in the 1925 Kanpur Conference. However, Muzaffar Ahmad, in *Myself and the Communist Party of India*, says the party was founded in 1920 in Tashkent. As to the Kanpur Conference, he calls it an "entirely a childish affair." Mohani, a member of the Constituent Assembly, refused to sign the draft of the constitution. Why? Mohani, according to this scholar, said, "'No!' to signing the draft of the constitution … as it didn't protect the rights of the disenfranchised, the marginalised and the oppressed." Well-phrased equivocation? But the same writer's open condemnation of Israel shows no such ambiguity.

Yet, as I said, there have been no pro-Palestinian rallies or protests at Ashoka. What happened, we might also ask, to the threats by several departments to stop teaching if Sabyasachi Das was not reinstated? Is today's Ashoka a far cry from 2016, when a student petition condemning "violence perpetuated by the Indian State" in Kashmir had 88 signatories, including members of the administrative and teaching staff? This petition, circulated after Hizbul Mujahideen "commander" and Islamist militant Burhan Wani was killed, also called for a plebiscite in Kashmir.

The large body of founders and the management of Ashoka must have wondered how, in the name of academic freedom, the university always ended up targeting the government and finding itself, even more uncomfortably, in the latter's crosshairs. That certainly was not the founders' agenda. How did this model liberal arts university, where young minds are moulded and influenced, come to be seen by the ruling dispensation as the breeding ground of "anti-nationals"?

To continue our chronology, in March 2021, then vice-chancellor Pratap Bhanu Mehta resigned, as did the former Chief Economic Advisor of India, Arvind Subramanian, who had joined Ashoka's economics department in 2020. In September 2023, one of the founders of Ashoka, Sanjeev Bikhchandani, complained on X that students took drugs on campus, sometimes even delivered by drones to their dorm rooms. Wasn't that a much more serious issue than academic freedom on campus? Why wasn't the student council, which was "under the impression that their mandate is to govern the university", making its stance clear on substance abuse? Both parents and administrators, he claimed, were grateful to him for the truth-telling.

Apart from their absence on the Ashoka campus, let us also register the fact that there have been no anti-Israeli demonstrations in any of the other major private universities in India. These include Manipal, Jindal, Shiv Nadar, Azim Premji, Amity, Bennett, Symbiosis, Munjal, SRM, Mahindra, and Ahmedabad University, to name a few in no particular order.

Why? Could it be that the writing on the wall is clear? Parents and administrators hold no brief for Islamist extremism combined with Left liberal radicalism. The former pay high fees in order to ensure that their children have secure careers and futures. The latter care for the reputation and the profitability of their institutions. Whenever campus politics comes close to jeopardising their economic interests, both groups of stakeholders, it is obvious, will rally round to curb such deviance. After all, to invoke Marxist terminology, their class interests are under threat. The absence of campus protests in our private universities during the Hamas-Israel war has precious little to do with their "failed tryst with academic freedom". Instead, is it merely a case of pragmatism overcoming wokeism?

(Views are personal)
(Tweets @MakrandParanspe)

BAIJU BAWRA'S RISE AND REALISATION

RENUKA NARAYANAN

FAITHLINE

A story has persisted in North India from the 16th century and has come down to us today about Baiju, a singer who paid a heavy price for his ambition. There was a Hindi film about him in 1952 called *Baiju Bawra* or Baiju the Insane which is considered mostly fiction, though it was a huge hit and its songs are evergreen, especially *Man tarpat Hari darshan ko aaj* by Mohammed Rafi.

According to tradition, Baiju learnt music from Swami Haridas, a real person and a disciple of Sri Purandaradasa, who is hailed as the *'Karnataka Sangeeta Pitamaha'*. An annual music festival has been held in Mumbai from 1952 called the Swami Haridas Sangeet Sammelan.

Our story begins by noting that Baiju was said to be the spoilt son of a poor but happy couple in Gujarat. But when his teacher father took ill and died, his mother took Baiju to Vrindavan, the traditional refuge of the destitute.

Baiju's mother gamely took up domestic work and located a *patashala* nearby for Baiju to learn his letters. Baiju went humming to school. He often sang the little devotional songs his mother taught him. Along the way, he heard the most glorious singing. He went to the house where it came from and saw a man seated in the outer courtyard, singing with his eyes closed. Baiju could not help himself. He walked in and sat cross-legged on the ground to hear the song.

The singer opened his eyes when the song ended.

"Did you like the song?" he asked Baiju cordially.

Baiju nodded vigorously. "I want to sing like you," he said with childish directness.

"Why don't you sing something you know?" invited the man.

Baiju launched at once into a Krishna *bhajan* that his mother had taught him.

The man looked at him in delight. "I will teach you, little one. Come after school every day."

And so, the greatest good luck befell Baiju and a magical decade commenced. His teacher, Swami Haridas, was not only a great singer but also a composer and a holy man with many followers. He had offered to teach Baiju on a kindly whim because of Baiju's simplicity and good voice.

For over a year, Swami Haridas made Baiju study the first musical note, *'Sa'*. It was called *'Shadja Grama'* or 'the domain of *Sa*'. In it lay all music. Swami Haridas then initiated Baiju into the mystery and rigour of the song form called *dhrupad*.

"It comes from the *Sama Veda* itself. It has four parts that you gradually enter, build up and must leave gracefully at the end. We call the *dhrupad 'Vishnu Pada'*, the Lord's metre."

Baiju drank it all in eagerly. He became famous as a singer in Vrindavan, attracting large crowds. The big temples began to invite him to perform. This was a great honour, for temples were the cultural hubs of society where dance or *nritya seva* and music or *sangeet seva* were regularly performed as activities greatly pleasing to God.

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> Baiju was extremely tempted to accept the invitation from a distant Himalayan kingdom to be a court singer there. His family was in tears but he went away, promising to come back soon

When Baiju turned eighteen, his mother found him a sweet-natured bride. A boy and a girl were born to them. Baiju bought a little house with his concert fees and his mother no longer worked as a servant. Invitations to sing came from neighbouring towns and important royal courts like Chanderi and Gwalior. Baiju's career was at its peak and his family life was blissful.

One day, a royal messenger showed up from a distant Himalayan kingdom, inviting Baiju to be the court singer. Baiju could not resist the temptation. His family was in tears but Baiju went away, promising to be back soon.

Ten dizzy, wonderful years passed before Baiju felt even remotely homesick. The Himalayan raja grew very attached to Baiju and showed him off as an ornament of his court. Lost in the glamour and ceremony, Baiju emotionally disowned his past and lived for the day, vastly enjoying himself.

One day, however, he found himself thinking of his family. After many pleas, he was allowed to return to Vrindavan, happy scenes of reunion in his mind. But a terrible shock awaited him. His house no longer existed and nobody knew where his family was. Baiju went from house to house, asking, but nobody could answer him. Finally, an old maid servant recalled that his family had left years ago but did not know where.

Frustrated, Baiju went to his guru's house, where another shock awaited him. Swami Haridas had passed away and his disciples ran a music school there. They were cold to Baiju for his sudden, thankless disappearance and knew nothing about his family.

Baiju could not bear the shock and guilt. Weeping bitterly, he slept under a tree, not knowing what to do. As the days passed, Baiju deteriorated into an unhinged state of mind. He looked unkempt like a beggar and wandered all day around Vrindavan, accosting startled pilgrims to ask about his family. Soon, he was called *'bawra'* or insane. Everybody shunned him.

Baiju sat for hours by the Yamuna reproaching himself for neglecting his family "I was vain and stupid. Mother, forgive me," he wept, unable to deal coherently with his grief.

One day, wandering aimlessly through town, his feet strayed into his guru's lane and he heard the sound of singing. Several old students had gathered to sing Swami Haridas's compositions. The swami had composed two kinds of songs. The *'Siddhanta Pada'* songs were deeply philosophical. The *'Keli Mala'* or 'garland of play' chronicled the play between Radha and Krishna, giving full agency and even superiority to Radha. "Two beams of light play, unequalled in their dance…" went the song. Baiju walked in as he once had, long ago.

The music broke through his dark misery and he joined in the singing, hesitantly at first but soon with full-throated power. His audience was deeply moved. They begged him to stay on with them. By his guru's enduring grace, Baiju was miraculously home again.

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Human selfishness

Ref: *The planet belongs to animals too* (Nov 12). What a powerful column this is. In this era of fast development and increasing human activities, we often forget the needs and well-being of non-human beings who share our planet. Our neglect of their needs shows nothing but human selfishness. Thank you for publishing this and hopefully, *TNIE* will continue giving voices to the voiceless.
Peter, Houston

Perilous problem

Ref: *Auto mafia inflicts toxic terror* (Nov 12). The essential statistics in Prabhu Chawla's column should cure the blind eye syndrome of those in authority without any delay. Nobody can measure the magnitude of peril that we will have to face if the problem of pollution is not addressed forthwith.
S Madhavan Thampi, Haripad

Kind gesture

Ref: *ISRO scientist donates award money to his alma maters* (Nov 12). This is an excellent gesture. ISRO's pay packets are perhaps at best modest in comparison with the corporate sector, making Veeramuthuvel's decision much more significant and praiseworthy.
C V Aravind, Bengaluru

Farmer suicide

Ref: *Kuttanad famer's suicide triggers political row* (Nov 12). It is disheartening that the farmer, caught in a debt trap, died by suicide. Supplyco's delayed payment for the paddy procured as well as the negligence of banks led to this. The government is interested in settling the accounts of MNCs but not poor farmers'.
Alen, Kasargod

BJP's agenda

Ref: *New State BJP chief brings speed, confidence; faces a daunting task* (Nov 12). The Karnataka BJP is in a muddled state with disgruntled party members, no identified leadership and a clueless high command. The new state chief is expected to garner Lingayat votes but the central leadership will still dictate terms. The BJP needs to form an effective narrative at the state level.
Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru

Impactful article

Ref: *TNIE Impact: Proposal being prepared for drainage pits at Dalit colony in TN's Tiruvallur district* (Nov 11). Congratulations, *TNIE*. This is a diligent follow up, and one hopes that the remaining villages fulfill the UN's 2030 agenda. This will bring smiles of relief to the faces of the deprived.
Kavitha, Thanjavur

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday termed as divine and unforgettable the lighting of more than 22 lakh 'diyas' during the Deepotsav in Ayodhya, and said the energy emanating from there is spreading new zeal and enthusiasm across India

■ Kanker is among 7 strife-torn districts in Bastar division ■ Innovative measures put in place

MAOIST THREATS FAIL TO DAMPEN VOTERS' SPIRIT

EJAZ KAISER @Kanker

A visit to Maoist-affected Kanker district with predominant tribal population on a fine election-day weather one witnessed various exogenous features aimed at enthusing voters to join the 'festival of democracy' in Chhattisgarh.

The Kanker administration had gone ahead with engrossing innovations and emerged as among the best performing districts in the conflict zone of Bastar. Located some 150 km south of Raipur, Kanker is among the seven strife-torn districts in Bastar division.

And to conduct peaceful, free, participative polls in areas with Maoists presence remained a challenge for the Election Commission amid the poll boycott call by Left wing extremists.

The Kanker administration, led by Collector Dr Priyanka Shukla, familiar with the ground reality, meticulously executed their action plan.

Various innovative measures were put in place throughout the district that not just led to generating awareness among the masses, but also secured the highest ever average turnout with over 80 per cent voting in all the three reserved (scheduled tribe) constituencies in the district. The collector and his team undertook campaigns under Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) activities that paved a way for encouraging high electoral participation to meet the Election Commission's (EC) endeavour of "no voter be left behind".

Model polling stations on novel multiple themes were put up under the supervision of the collector. 'Matdata Mitr' (Voters' friend) at every polling station helped elderly and sick voters and pregnant or lactating mothers. To attain inclusive participation, the 'Rainbow' polling station was set up at Pakhanjur that has the maximum number of third gender voters. Then 'Bitiya (daughter) Help Desks' were set up at all polling stations where the strength of first time female voters was high. 'Shatayu Voter Vriksha Abhiyan' was planting trees at polling stations on the names of centenarian voters as a mark of respect, as they came all the way to use their voting rights. A polling station with an impressive eco-friendly theme caught the attention of the Election Commission of India, 32 polling booths set up for the first time since Independence recorded over 80 per cent voting, while 15 others recorded around 90 percent.

Maoist threats failed to deter locals from exercising their franchise. At places where the Red brigade triggered IED blasts and engaged in exchange of fire with the forces saw a jump in the voting percentage as compared to 2018.

KANKER DISTRICT

Assembly seats: 3 (ST)
Total voters: 561403
Total candidates: 36
Male voters: 274393
Female voters: 287000
Total polling booths: 727

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan during an election campaign in Dhar district on Sunday | PTI

Five days before polls, BJP candidate attacked in MP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhopal

PRE-poll violence hit Pichhore assembly constituency of Shivpuri district in Gwalior-Chambal region of assembly polls-bound Madhya Pradesh on Sunday afternoon.

Ruling BJP's candidate Pritam Lodhi, who was campaigning along with supporters in Kararkheda village, came under attack allegedly by supporters of sitting Congress MLA KP Singh 'Kakkaju,' resulting in injuries to at least six BJP workers.

Lodhi alleged that the attack, which happened in Kakkaju's native village Kararkheda in the afternoon, was carried out by the sitting Congress MLA's supporters.

"Sensing a certain defeat for the Congress in the November 17 elections, Kakkaju carried out the attack. His supporters attacked our vehicles with stones and also fired on the motorcade, damaging many vehicles and also injuring six-eight workers," the BJP candidate alleged. The opposition Congress party workers, however, claimed that it was Lodhi's supporters who started the violence in the village, during campaigning.

Lodhi, a distant relative of ex-CM and senior BJP leader Uma Bharti, is contesting for the third time in succession on the ruling party ticket from Pichhore. He had lost the 2018 election to six-time sitting MLA KP Singh, a Digvijaya Singh loyalist, by less than 3,000 votes.

Kakkaju has been fielded by the Congress this time from the adjoining Shivpuri seat of the same Shivpuri district, while an ex-BJP man, but now the six-time MLA's loyalist Arvind Lodhi is the Congress candidate against Pritam Lodhi from Pichhore seat.

Though Pritam Lodhi was initially being seen to be having a clear edge in the battle of Lodhis in Pichhore, Congress candidate Arvind Lodhi has made his way back over the last few days, largely on the basis of turning the contest into a local vs outsider poll battle.

While Arvind Lodhi is a native of the same constituency, Pritam Lodhi actually hails from the neighbouring Gwalior district. Even in the adjoining Shivpuri seat, the battle between Pichhore's sixth-time MLA KP Singh and former MLA and BJP candidate Devendra Jain, is being dubbed by the BJP as local vs outsider battle as Pritam Lodhi hails from Pichhore and not the Shivpuri constituency.

Unemployment, inflation high under Modi govt: Congress

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Congress on Sunday blamed the Narendra Modi government for "increasing" inflation and unemployment and asserted that the party's "guarantee" of an annual financial assistance of Rs 15,000 to women in Chhattisgarh would provide relief to lakhs of families.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced that if the Congress retains power in Chhattisgarh, women will be given an annual financial assistance of Rs 15,000.

In a post on X on Baghel's announcement, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said, "This is the guarantee of the Congress. We do what we promise. We do not indulge in 'jumlebazi' like the Prime Minister and BJP." Inflation and unemployment are increasing due to the Modi government, Ramesh alleged. Lakhs of families will get relief from the Gruha Lakshmi Yojana, he added.

After the Congress government is formed again in Chhattisgarh, women in the state will be provided an annual assistance of Rs 15,000 directly into their bank accounts under the "Chhattisgarh Gruha Lakshmi Yojana', Baghel said.

The announcement, which comes ahead of the second phase of Chhattisgarh elections scheduled on November 17, is being seen as a counter to the opposition BJP's promise in its poll manifesto of giving Rs 12,000 per year to married women.

Meanwhile in Raipur, Baghel said if the Congress retains power in Chhattisgarh, women will be given an annual financial assistance of Rs 15,000 in the state. The announcement, which comes ahead of the second phase of Chhattisgarh elections scheduled on November 17, is being seen as a counter to the opposition BJP's promise in its poll manifesto of giving Rs 12,000 per year to married women.'Today, on the auspicious occasion of Diwali, with the blessings of Maa Lakshmi ji and Chhattisgarh Mahtari, an important decision has been taken for women empowerment,' Baghel told reporters in Raipur.

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel offers puja on the occasion of Diwali on Sunday | PIC COURTESY: X

Dal blaze: Mehbooba demands soft loans

AGENCIES @Srinagar

PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Sunday visited the affected families who lost their houseboats and dwellings in a fire on Saturday. Three Bangladeshi tourists had died in the incident.

'Visited Dal (Lake), where several houseboats were ravaged by a massive fire on Saturday. Apart from extensive damage, three tourists tragically died despite the efforts of locals,' Mufti posted on X.

She requested the Jammu and Kashmir administration headed by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to provide soft loans to the affected families so that they can rebuild their houseboats. 'Request @manojsinha_ ji to provide soft loans & other essentials necessary for houseboat owners to rebuild. Perhaps in the future moving fire stations will help to prevent such incidents,' she added.

Apni Party leader Altaf Bukhari, while expressing sympathies with the affected, urged the administration to assess the losses and compensate the victims accordingly.

'Sympathies with the house boat owners of Dal Lake who have lost property worth crores in a devastating fire mishap today. May the victims find strength in these testing times. I urge the authorities to assess the loss caused to the property and compensate the victims accordingly,' Bukhari said.

A team of Apni Party leaders, including Noor Mohammad and Ashraf Mir, visited the site of the incident in the Dal Lake.

Lt Governor Sinha on Saturday said, "I am deeply pained by the loss of lives due to the unfortunate fire incident at the Dal Lake, Srinagar. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. I have directed the district administration to provide all necessary assistance to the affected people."

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath meets Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Tirath Kshetra Trust Chairman Mahant Nritya Gopal Das in Ayodhya on Sunday| PTI

Exploring legal remedies against Union govt's discrimination: LDF govt

KOLLAM (KERALA) @Agencies

TWO days after Kerala's ruling Left Democratic Front (LDF) announced its decision to take the fight to the Centre against its alleged negligence towards the state's development needs, the government on Sunday said it was also exploring legal remedies against the discrimination.

Kerala Finance Minister K N Balagopal, speaking to reporters here, said that the BJP-ruled Centre was being "hugely discriminatory" towards opposition-ruled states, including Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh, in financial matters.

"Of them, the most discrimination is being faced by Kerala. We are exploring legal remedies against this action of the Centre," he said.

Balagopal said that despite the clearly visible actions of the Centre towards the southern state, Leader of Opposition in the state assembly V D Satheesan was not talking about that. "Instead he terms everything the state government does as an extravagance. He said Keraleeyam celebrations cost over Rs 20 crore and the money instead could have been used to pay pensions.

"However, around Rs 900 crore is required to pay pensions. From next week onwards, steps would be taken to disburse pensions," the state finance minister said.

Balagopal also contended that the UDF MPs were not even willing to sign a memo against the Centre's financial policies that were choking the state, and termed the stand of the Congress-led opposition as "unfortunate".

Maha CM dismisses Uddhav's threat over demolition of Shiv Sena shakha

AGENCIES @Thane

MAHARASHTRA Chief Minister Ekanth Shinde on Sunday dismissed Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray's outburst over the demolition of his party's 'shakha' in the Thane district, calling it an empty threat.

Talking to reporters after attending a Diwali programme here, Shinde said Thackeray had to turn back when he attempted to visit the spot of the 'shakha' in Mumbra on Saturday.

Thackeray, along with top leaders of the Sena (UBT), went to Mumbra to visit the razed shakha but had to face resistance from workers of the chief minister's Shiv Sena, who raised slogans and showed him black flags.

As the situation turned tense, Thackeray and his party colleagues left the site, just metres away from the razed shakha.

Thackeray's visit was nothing but an attempt to create a hurdle during the Diwali festivities, the chief minister said. "The people of Mumbra showed their power during Thackeray's visit. Nothing works in front of people's power," he said.

Many senior leaders from Shiv Sena UBT had accompanied Thackeray, but Shiv Sena leader Naresh Mhaske was tough enough to take them on, Shinde said.

'The bursting of crackers of the Shiv Sainiks in Mumbra drove them away. The show of strength was so powerful that they (Sena UBT leaders) had to beat a hasty retreat,' he said.

He further claimed that in the recent gram panchayat elections, the Shiv Sena UBT was thrown to the seventh position and in the next elections, they will slip to the 10th position, and people will give them a befitting reply.

The chief minister refused to respond to Thackeray's allegations about the encroachment of 'shakha' land, saying he wouldn't ruin the festive atmosphere and would reply to the charges through his work.

HEATED DEBATE

CPM MP'S STORY OF SHIVBHAKT STIRS UP ROW

ANI @Kolkata

COMMUNIST Party of India (Marxist) MP Bikash Ranjan Bhattacharyya has stoked a political row with his remarks on Lord Shiva.

The CPI(M) MP wrote in a Facebook post in Bangla on November 11 that in his childhood he had seen a drunk postman staggering to a Shiva temple and beseeching Mahadev to take care of his family.

He asked in the post, "Who is keeping an account of the number of families which have been destroyed due to the belief that Mahadev (Lord Shiva) is the Guru of liquor and ganja (cannabis) consumption and will take care of the families of drunkards."

He further wrote: "Nakuleshwar Lane in Kalighat is a narrow lane near Mahakali Pathshala. If you enter Nakuleshwar Lane from Mahim Halder Street, after four or five houses, you can find a small Shiva temple. Some of us sometimes used to hang out on a cement bench of the house near the school on that

street corner. One day, in the evening, I saw that the postman of the area who was in an inebriated state staggered to the temple and sat in front of it. I ran to look and saw that he was praying...'Baba, since you are the Lord of liquor and ganja, you should take care of families of those who drink'"

"I enjoyed listening to his prayer. The poor postman believes that the guru (God) of cannabis consumption is Mahadev himself and therefore, Mahadev should take the responsibility of taking care of the family of the drunks," Bhattacharyya said.

Bhattacharyya's remarks have spurred a heated debate, highlighting a broader clash of views on religious interpretations.

Criticizing Bhattacharyya's remarks, All India Hindu Mahasabha President Swami Chakrapani Maharaj said that the Communist party is 'anti-Hindu' and is always against 'Hindu Sanatana.'

"Lord Shiva is the one who prayed for the protection of the entire world and drank poison to save the world. He doesn't consume alcohol. Bhattacharyya should come and learn about Sanatana and Lord Shiva. Little knowledge is very dangerous. The Communist Party and Congress party have only one job: to insult Sanatana Dharma," he said. "This is condemnable, and I want to say that he should apologize immediately. If he fails to do so, we will take action against him," he added.

He further said that some people mislead Lord Shiva by portraying him as consuming Bhang (cannabis).

Earlier this October, a political row erupted in Bihar over Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) MLA Fateh Bahadur Singh made an alleged 'derogatory' statement about Goddess Durga.

Bengal minister sent to 4-day judicial custody

KOLKATA: A court in Kolkata on Sunday remanded West Bengal minister Jyoti Priya Mallick, arrested by the Enforcement Directorate in connection with an alleged ration distribution scam, to judicial custody for four days.

Mallick, who currently is forest minister and held the food and supplies portfolio from 2011 to 2021, was arrested by the central agency in the early hours of October 27 from his residence in Salt Lake, on the outskirts of the city, in connection with its investigation into the alleged scam.

The minister's lawyer said that he was remanded to judicial custody by the court till November 16. Mallick, who underwent a medical check-up at the Command Hospital of the army, told reporters that his left side had "become paralytic" and he was being shifted from the custody of ED to judicial remand in Presidency Jail.

The minister was on November 6 remanded to ED custody till November 12. "I am in extreme physical distress. I cannot walk properly. If there is no proper treatment and I have to live in present situations, I may die soon," he told reporters.

MUSLIM REFORM

A meeting of the Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind on issues like reforms in the Muslim society, their education and communalism will be organised in Deoband, Saharanpur, on Monday

17 CASES NEW CORONAVIRUS INFECTIONS IN INDIA

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	27	14	Mumbai	38	28
Bhopal	32	15	Panaji	32	26
Jaipur	29	16	Patna	41	27
Amritsar	27	13	Lucknow	42	27
Chennai	31	26	Port Blair	34	28
Kolkata	32	21	Imphal	23	18
Srinagar	16	01	Chandigarh	42	23

People revel as Delhi sees best air quality in last eight years

Women light up sparklers to celebrate Diwali in Solapur, Maharashtra, on Sunday | PTI

Pollution levels may rise due to low night temperatures and sporadic burning of firecrackers

AGENCIES @ New Delhi

BUILDINGS were decorated with earthen lamps and colourful lights as people across the country celebrated Diwali with pomp on Sunday and a relatively better air quality than in previous years brought much relief to revellers in Delhi.

Despite the national capital recording its best air quality on Diwali day in eight years, pollution levels may rise due to low night temperatures and sporadic burning of firecrackers though there is a ban on their manufacture, storage, sale and use within the city.

One of the most popular Hindu festivals, Diwali is associated with the day Lord Ram is believed to have returned to Ayodhya with his wife Sita and brother Lakshman after defeating Ravana during his 14 years in exile and is seen as a celebration of the victory of good over evil.

People, dressed in their finest, exchanged sweets and gifts, visited temples and greeted each other, and celebrations across the country were largely incident free.

President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted the people of the country and hoped the festival will bring happiness and wellbeing.

In Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district, the Indian Army exchanged sweets with its Pakistani counterpart on the occasion of Diwali along the Line of Control (LoC), officials said.

However, there was no traditional exchange of sweets and pleasantries between the two sides along the International Border (IB), they said, attributing it to the tense situation following the recent ceasefire violations by the Pakistan Rangers that left a Border Security Force jawan dead.

On Diwali, 80 fishermen released from a jail in Karachi in Pakistan reached Vadodara in Gujarat by train.

Delhiites experienced clear skies and abundant sunshine and the city's 24-hour average air quality index stood at 218 at 4 pm, the best in at least three weeks and also in the last eight years on Diwali day.

The city recorded an index of 312 on Diwali last year, 382 in 2021, 414 in 2020, 337 in 2019, 281 in 2018, 319 in 2017 and 431 in 2016, according to Central Pollution Control Board data.

Saturday's 24-hour average AQI stood at 220, the lowest for the day before Diwali in eight years. The improvement can be attributed to intermittent rainfall on Friday and wind speeds favourable for the dispersion of pollutants. To put this into perspective, Thursday's 24-hour average air quality index was 437.

> **The state government has given permission to use green crackers to check air and sound pollution, and fire accidents. Various chemicals used in the crackers lead to many health complications**
>
> Siddaramaiah, Karnataka Chief Minister

Court acquits four men for dacoity at Thane college 11 years ago

AGENCIES @ Thane

A special court in Thane district has acquitted four persons charged under the stringent Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA) for dacoity at a college in 2012.

Special Judge Amit M Shete of the MCOCA court held that the prosecution has failed to prove the charges against the accused, who need to be given the benefit of doubt and acquitted. The accused, in the age group of 33 to 50, are residents of Ulhasnagar area in Thane and Nalla Sopara in neighbouring Palghar district.

Another accused person died during pendency of the case and hence the trial against him was abated.

Special Public Prosecutor Sanjay More told the court that on July 18, 2012, the accused carried out a dacoity in the office of a college in Bhiwandi area after assaulting the watchmen and tying them up.

The accused ransacked the office and also looted Rs 1,65,000 in cash, the prosecution told the court.

Advocates Poonit Mahimkar and Pankaj Kavale, appearing for the accused, contested the case and punched holes in the prosecution and police probe into the crime.

In the order, the judge noted the prosecution lastly examined the Thane commissioner of police as prosecution witness who accorded sanction (for charges under the MCOCA). It is worth mentioning here that the sanction as contemplated under Section 23(1) and (2) is regarding taking cognisance of and investigation into an offence under the MCOCA, the court said.

The judge referred to a judgement of the Bombay High Court which said the "sanction is not granted to special court to take cognizance of the offence, but it is granted to the prosecuting agency to approach the court concerned for enabling it to take cognizance of the offence and to proceed to trial." Thus, on bare perusal, the purport and object laid down under Section 23 is enabling the investigating machinery.

Seven cracker shops gutted in blaze, 9 injured

AGENCIES @ Mathura/Lucknow

NINE people, including a fireman, were injured on Sunday in a fire that gutted seven firecracker shops and 10 motorcyles in Gopalbagh on the outskirts of Uttar Pradesh's Mathura city, officials said.

The incident took place in the afternoon at a temporary firecracker market set up at Raya for Diwali, Mahavan Circle Officer Alok Singh said.

He added that there were several people at the market.

"Seven shops selling firecrackers in the Gopalbagh area caught fire. Nine people suffered burn injuries. It seems that the fire was caused by an electrical short circuit," Raya police station SHO Ajay Kishor said.

He added that the seven shops had permission to sell firecrackers. Of the nine hurt, four suffered serious burn injuries.

They have been sent to the SN Medical College in Agra for treatment, Alok Singh said. The rest are under treatment at the Mathura district hospital, the officials added.

In the incident, fireman Chandrashekhar, who was deployed at the market, was injured while trying to stop the fire from spreading further to about six other shops and saving people, the officials said.

A shop that was gutted in Gopalbagh on the outskirts of Mathura city, Uttar Pradesh, on Sunday | PTI

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"Seven shops bore the maximum damage. Their owners were injured while they were trying to save their goods from the fire. Fireman Chandrashekhar suffered burn injuries while saving others. Besides them, another person was also injured," Singh said.

Chief Fire Officer Narendra Pratap Singh, citing eyewitnesses' accounts, told PTI that an electricity wire fell on the firecrackers. "By the time, one could understand anything, the fire started spreading rapidly," he said.

The extent of loss of goods and property is yet to be ascertained, Narendra Singh said and added that the fire, in which 10 motorcycles were also gutted, was doused within half an hour.

Fire breaks out at Surat multiplex, 2 injured

PTI @ Surat

A fire broke out at a multiplex located in a commercial building in Gujarat's Surat city on Sunday morning, destroying a screen and a number of chairs in the theatre, fire officials said.

There was no report of any casualty in the theatre as it was closed when the incident took place, but two fire personnel received minor injuries during the operation to control the blaze, they said.

The blaze erupted at around 9 am in a screen of Time Cinema multiplex, which has seven screens and is located on the top floor of a four-storey building in Pal locality, a fire official said.

Eight fire vehicles were rushed to the spot to control the blaze which was suspected to have broken out due to a short-circuit, sub fire officer Girish Sailor said.

It took nearly two-and-a-half hours to bring the fire under control, the officer said.

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"The fire broke out in one of the screens of the seven-screen multiplex located on the fourth floor of Fortune Mall in Pal locality of Surat. Eight fire vehicles were used to bring it under control. The blaze was contained before it could spread to other parts of the multiplex," the official said.

Most of the chairs and the screen were destroyed in the fire but no casualty was reported there as the hall was empty, he said.

Two fire personnel suffered minor injuries during the operation to put out the blaze, he added.

SEARCH ON

Leopard mauls six-year-old boy to death

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Balrampur

A six-year-old boy was mauled to death by a leopard in Lal Nagar Sipahiya village of Suhelwa forest area of the district, a forest department official said on Sunday.

The Balrampur District Magistrate has ordered the forest department to catch the leopard.

Arun, the boy, had gone to a field behind his house when a leopard caught him in its jaws and fled.

Hearing him screaming for help, villagers tried to chase down the animal but it disappeared in the sugarcane field, forest officials said.

A few hours later, the villagers found Arun's body in the field. His left hand was dismembered.

Divisional Forest Officer Dr Sam Maran M, who visited the spot, on Sunday, said that two teams of the forest department have been deployed to search for the leopard and two cages have been deputed by the forest department for its capture.

DM Arvind Kumar Singh said that the post mortem of the body is being conducted and as soon as the report is received, financial assistance will be given to his family.

A week ago, a leopard had taken away from the same village a three-year-old girl, whose mutilated body was found in a sugarcane field five days later.

HEARTY WISHES

Prime Minister Narendra Modi greets President Droupadi Murmu on Diwali, at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on Sunday

Homestay employee gang-raped, assaulted in Agra, five arrested

PTI @ Agra

A woman working in a homestay here has allegedly been gang-raped and five persons, including a woman, have been arrested for it, police said on Sunday.

The victim, who is around 25 years of age, said that an objectionable video of her was made earlier and she was blackmailed over it, they said.

The woman was also forced to drink alcohol and a glass bottle was broken on her head, they said.

Police said a purported video of the woman crying for help has also surfaced. Apart from rape charges, attempt to murder charges have also been slapped against the accused, police said.

Police said they received a call from the victim late Saturday night, following which they rushed to the homestay and took action against the accused.

The incident happened on Saturday night at a homestay, said Archana Singh, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Sadar.

"Four men and a woman have been arrested after the incident. The medical examination of the victim will be done and legal action is being taken in the case," the ACP said.

The homestay which is a rented property has been sealed, she said.

"We got a call at around midnight on Saturday from the victim who was crying for help. We rushed to the homestay and took action against the accused. The victim's age is about 25 years old and she works at the homestay," in-charge of Basai police post, Mohit Sharma told PTI. "She narrated the whole incident to us about being raped, and said she was beaten by the accused.

Some media covered West Asia war, not Manipur clashes, says Kerala CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kochi

KERALA Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan blamed a section of Indian mainstream media for rushing to cover the war in West Asia while siding with Israel but at the same time refraining from bringing out the real picture from Manipur, despite months of ethnic clashes that have claimed over 200 lives as per official figures.

Speaking after releasing 'Manipur FIR', a book by veteran journalist George Kallivayal, here, the Chief Minister said the book stands out at a time when most reports from Manipur have been a watered-down version of the clashes that continue to happen.

"The violence in Manipur began in May, and there are still reports about the clashes. We should not forget the fact that there were Internet blackouts to ensure that the scale of violence did not come out," Pinarayi said.

Praising the book, the CM said, "Another feature of the reports from Manipur was that they were twisted and served to the public. This is where this book by Kallivayal would stand out. I'm sure that the book by Kallivayal would be a reference point for those who would want to study the genesis of the clashes in Manipur and its current situation."

Pointing out that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had not uttered a word about the violence in Manipur until 80 days after, the Chief Minister said several leaders of opposition parties went to the northeastern state, interacted with the people there, and stood with them after the violence erupted.

"The prime minister of the country chose to utter a word about Manipur only when the news about an incident that became a blot on the civilized society came out," Pinarayi said, without directly referring to the video of two women, allegedly belonging to the Kuki community, being molested and paraded naked that went viral on social media. "For three months, neither the union ministers nor the prime minister bothered about the escalating violence in Manipur," he said.

"We saw cases being foisted upon those who spread the visuals on social media, while those who spread the violence got away scot-free. Several fact-finding missions went to Manipur to study the situation, and this resulted in cases against journalists and lawyers, We also witnessed an FIR being registered against the Editors Guild of India. And finally, the Supreme Court was forced to intervene," the Kerala CM observed.

"The official statistics put out by the government said about 200 people died in the Manipur violence. Over 1,000 people were injured, and 5,000 houses were burned down. We know that the official figures will downplay the incident. This shows that unofficial figures will be much higher," Pinarayi said.

Senior Congress leader and Congress Working Committee member Ramesh Chennithala, who received the first copy of the 'Manipur FIR' book remarked that it was sad to see the beautiful state of Manipur being wrecked by the violence, which is the result of hatred that was injected into the communities by the ruling BJP. He added that 150 churches have been destroyed in the ongoing clashes.

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan and other leaders at the launch of 'Manipur FIR', a book by veteran journalist George Kallivayal | EXPRESS

2,50,000

Afghans have left Pakistan in recent weeks as the government rounded up foreign nationals without papers

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	29	16	SNY	Los Angeles	26	17	LC
Colombo	29	24	LC	Melbourne	25	12	HR
Dhaka	32	27	SNY	Moscow	21	8	HR
Dubai	39	31	SNY	New York	26	16	LC
Houston	31	23	SNY	Singapore	32	27	SNY
Istanbul	29	17	SNY	Toronto	19	11	LC
London	24	13	LC	Washington	27	14	SNY

Chinese ships chase Philippine vessels in South China Sea

SOUTH CHINA SEA

US Navy surveillance plane flew in circles, keeping a close watch, dozens of Chinese coast guard and accompanying ships chased and encircled Philippine vessels in the latest confrontation in one of the most dangerous flashpoints in the South China Sea during the weekend.

At the height of the four-hour faceoff in the high seas, a Chinese coast guard ship blasted a water cannon toward a Philippine motorboat delivering food and other supplies to Filipino forces at a marooned, rusting warship that serves as the country's fragile territorial outpost at Second Thomas Shoal. China has steadfastly stood by its claim to virtually the entire strategic waterway, clashing with its smaller neighbours and drawing in the United States, Manila's treaty ally and China's main rival in the Asia-Pacific region. Washington and its allies have deployed navy ships and fighter aircraft to promote freedom of navigation and overflight, build up deterrence and reassure allies like the Philippines.

There are fears that the recurring confrontations at Second Thomas Shoal could ignite an armed conflict that could pit the US and China. Philippine officials said Saturday they would never take any step that could ignite a larger conflict but would not be deterred in defending the country's sovereign rights. Despite the Chinese blockades and coercive maneuvers, the Philippine contingent managed to deliver supplies to the handful of Filipino marines aboard the BRP Sierra Madre and left without incident. The slightly listing Philippine warship, donated by the US, has been crumbling with age but is still actively commissioned, meaning an armed attack would be considered by Manila as an act of war. *AFP*

HEAVY FIGHTING RAGES NEAR GAZA HOSPITAL

KHAN YOUNIS:

Israeli ground forces on Sunday battled Hamas militants near Gaza's largest hospital, where health officials said thousands of staff, patients and displaced people remain trapped with no electricity, dwindling supplies and some gunfire coming from inside.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has rejected growing international calls for a ceasefire, unless it includes the release of all the nearly 240 hostages captured by Hamas in the October 7 rampage that triggered the war, saying Israel was bringing its 'full force' with the aim of ending Hamas' 16-year rule in Gaza.

Residents reported heavy airstrikes and shelling, including around Shifa Hospital. Israel, without providing evidence, has accused Hamas of concealing a command post inside and under the hospital compound, allegations denied by Hamas and hospital staff. "We spent the night in panic, waiting for their arrival," said Ahmed al-Boursh, a resident taking shelter in the hospital. "They are outside, not far from the gates." The hospital's last generator ran out of fuel on Saturday, leading to the death of three premature babies and four other patients, according to the health ministry. It says another 36 babies are at risk of dying without electricity.

Patients at Al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City on Friday, a day before the facility lost power with its last generator running out of fuel | AP

Health Undersecretary Munir al-Boursh said Israeli snipers have deployed around Shifa, firing at any movement inside the compound. He said airstrikes had destroyed several homes next to the hospital, killing three people, including a doctor. "There are wounded in the house, and we can't reach them," he told Al Jazeera television. 'We can't stick our heads out of the window."

Netanyahu asserted to NBC's 'Meet the Press' that Israel had offered Shifa Hospital fuel to run generators but "they refused it". There was no immediate response from the health ministry and others, including the Red Cross.

Speaking to CNN, Netanyahu asserted that "100 or so people" had been evacuated from Shifa and that Israel had created safe corridors. The military has said troops would assist in moving babies on Sunday, and that it was in contact with hospital staff. But the health ministry has denied claims of evacuees and safe corridors, and people sheltering in the hospital said they were afraid to go outside.

CCH-88
HG- 13/12/2023

IN THE HON'BLE COMMERCIAL COURT AT BENGALURU
Ex. Petition No. 466/ 2023

BETWEEN:
Panna Sarees Pvt Ltd
Bandhini Unit, Office at 2380/12,
Sai Prakash Building, Ajmal Khan Road,
Karol Bagh, New Delhi – 110005
Represented by its Authorised Representative
Sri Gaurav Malhotra ...Decree Holder

AND:
Classic Retailors Pvt Ltd.
Sri P.M Janardhan ...Judgement Debtors

Notice to Judgement Debtors

To,
Classic Retailors Pvt Ltd,
Office at: 334, Soft Road, RT Nagar Main road,
Bengaluru – 560032.

Sri P.M Janardhan (MD and Signatory)
Managing Director of JD 1
Residing at, E- 304, White Apartments,
R.T Nagar, Bengaluru – 560032

Whereas the above named Decree Holder has instituted a commercial execution petition against you for the execution of the Decree passed by the Learned Single Judge in **CS No. 9744/2016 on 12.02.2018 at Tis Hazari Court, New Delhi.**

You are hereby notified to appear before this court on the **13th day of December 2023 at 11:00 am** in person or through duly instructed Advocate/Pleader to answer the questions to the same, failing which the said petition may be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 11th day of October 2023.

By Order of the Court,
Assistant Registrar,
Commercial Court, Bangalore

Anita Dominic, Advocate,
No 6, 2nd Cross, Ramiah Reddy Layout,
Chikka Banaswadi, Bangalore - 560043

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public, that our Clients, **(1) Mr.SHABBIR AHMED KHAN,** son of Late Usman Khan, Residing at: Flat No.103, 1st Floor, No.3, Prestige Richmond, Lalbagh Road, Richmond Circle, Bengaluru – 560027, **(2) Mr.MUSSAVIR AHMED KHAN,** son of Late Usman Khan, Residing at: No.316, New No.1968, Tippu Road, Safdariya Mohalla, Guthalu, Guthal Colony, K.R.Pet, Mandya-571403 and **(3) Mr.MUJAHID AHMED KHAN,** son of Late Usman Khan Residing at: No.573, Flat No.SF02, 2nd Floor, HBR 1st Stage, 3rd Block, Kalyananagar, Bengaluru – 560043 have either lost or misplaced the Power of Attorney executed by (1) B.V.Varadhamma, (2) R.Dayananda, (3) D.Vivekananda, (4) D.Rupashree, (5) R.Sudhakumari, (6) R.Rajendra, (7) Binay Ram and (8) R.Narendra in respect of Property bearing Nos.37 & 38, Hospital Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore. In this regard, a Police complaint is lodged before Jurisdiction Police Station, Bangalore on 07/11/2023. Public are hereby notified that if any one finds the Power of Attorney detailed above, they may deliver the same to us to our clients immediately. If anyone deals with the above referred document or makes any claim on the property on the basis of the said Power of Attorney other than our clients, he/she/they will not derive any right and will not be binding on our clients.

ABDUL AMEEN.M,
K.M. LEGAL ADVOCATES,
No.1C, 'WILOCRISA', # 14,
Rest House Crescent Road,
BANGALORE-560001.
Ph : 080-25592786
Email: kmlegaladvocates@gmail.com
Place: Bangalore **Date:** 12/11/2023

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT II)

4th Floor, Telephone House,
Raj Bhavan Road, Bangalore- 560001

OA NO. 435/2020

BETWEEN:
STATE BANK OF INDIA
Represented by its Chief Manager,
Asset Recovery Management Branch (ARMB),
Mr. Venkataramana Das G, BKG Complex,
Mysore Bank Circle, Avenue Road,
Bangalore-560009.
Email Id: sbi.40564@sbi.co.in
Pan No: AAACS8577K
IFSC Code: SBIN0040007
Mobile No: 9448990277
...APPLICANT

AND
MR. SATHISH V ...DEFENDANT

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO THE DEFENDANTS THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
Mr. Sathish V, S/o S Varadaraj, No.296, Behind Navdeep School, Basavanpura Main Road, Bangalore-560036.
Also having address at; No.43, 4th Main Road, Atmananda Colony, Matadahalli, RT Nagar, BBMP Ward No.95, Bangalore -560032. ...DEFENDANTS

1. Whereas the applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial institutions Act, 1993 against defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.98,76,555/- (Rupees Nighty Eight Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Five Only).**
2. The above mentioned Defendant is directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or duly authorized agent in support of your defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or **on 20.02.2024 at 11:00 AM** as to why relief/s prayed should not be granted.
3. Take notice that all in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence, Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **04th day of Nov 2023** at Bangalore.

By order of Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debt Recovery Tribunal-II

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client SMT. GEETHA HIREMATH, Aged about 63 years, W/o. Shri Shivanand Hiremath, Aadhar No. 8131 0242 3127, Residing at 62, First Floor, 2nd Main, SBI, Anugraha Layout, Bilekahalli, Bangalore South, Bengaluru, Karnataka, 560076 informs the General Public that, she has lost last page of original documents of Sale Deed dated 06.12.1999 which is registered as Document No. 6373/99-2000 in respect of the schedule property mentioned hereinbelow. In this regard my client had lodged a Police Complaint on 11.11.2023 vide lost Report No. 0804296/2023. If any persons who can trace / finds the same may please hand over it to the aforesaid owner / undersigned advocate within 7 days from the date of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.63, formed in Converted Sy.Nos. 18/1A, 18/1B, 18/2, 18/4 and 18/5, Bommanahalli Nagarasabhe Portion of Katha No.255, Situated at Kodichikkanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and measuring East to West : 40-0 Feet and North to South : 20-0 Feet and Totally measuring 800 Sq.Feet and bounded on the East by: 30-0 Feet Road; West by : Site No.95; North by : Site No.64; South by : Remaining portion of Site No.63:

Sd/- **MANJUNATH .V,** Advocate
LEX AVENUE, Advocates & Solicitors
No. 42/1, 7th Cross, 5th Main Road,
Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018.
Mobile: 8123404474 / 9141741762
Bangalore, Date: 11.11.2023

BEFORE THE 1st ADDITIONAL DISTRICT CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION, BANGALORE URBAN
COMPLAINT NO: 352/2022

BETWEEN
Shantanu Dutta. ....COMPLAINANT
AND
WINSPARK INNOVATIONS LEARNING PVT LTD., And Others. ....OPPOSITE PARTIES

NOTICE TO THE OPPOSITE PARTY NO.1
THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

Opposite Party No.1
WINSPARK INNOVATIONS LEARNING PVT LTD., Name and Style as Planet Spark Having its registered office at 1109, 11th Floor, JMD Megapolis, Sohana Road, Gurgaon
Represented by its director

Whereas, the complaint has instituted complaint against the opposite parties 1 & 2.

Opposite Party No.1 is hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble court in person or by a pleader duly, instructed and able to appear to the case or you shall be accompanied by same person able to appear to the case or you shall be accompanied by same person able to appear to all question on this **Date: 27.11.2023** to answer the same. Failing which the complaint will be disposed off ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this Date: **30th Oct 2023**

By the order of Court
Asst. Registrar-Cum-
Assistant Administrative Officer
Bengaluru Rural & Bengaluru Urban
1st Addl. District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission
1st Floor, BMTC B' Block, TTMC Building
KH Road, Shanthinagar, Bangalore-560027
Advocate for Complainant
Sucheta Majumdar Burman & Associates Advocates.
97/2D Krishna Shine Building, MTK Reddy Complex Above SBI, Bank, First Floor Bangalore-560037. M : 9742330757

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general / public at large are hereby notified that, my client Sri A.B. Ramesh S/o Sri A.G. Bayya Reddy R/ at No.151, 2nd Main, Vidyaranyanagar, Magadi Road, Bangalore - 560023, has the registered original Sale deed dated 13-12-2007 registered dated 14-12-2007, Document No. ABL-1-04122/2007-08 of Book-1, CD No. ABLD13, sub registrar Attibele, Anekal Taluk, executed by Sri. A. Ramakrishnappa and others in favour of Sri. A.B. Ramesh, in respect of land property bearing Sy.No. 392/1, 1 Acre 35 Guntas, situated at Bidaraguppe Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, bounded on East by Bangi Krishnappa, West by Ramakrishnappa in Sy.No. 393/6, North by Inam Land and Lakshmaiah, South by Road, with regard to lost of said original sale deed has also lodged complaint before Karnataka state police on 11-11-2023 under Lost Report No. 0804697/2023. Any Person/s institution / authority having custody of above said original sale deed, may have produce / give with the undersigned and my client request the public / institution / authority not to misuse / transact with above stated deed from any persons/ institution and etc., Hence this Public Notice for lost of above stated deed.

Sd/- **S. Suresha,** Advocate
No.42, Appu Rao Road,
Chamarajpet, Bangalore - 560018.
Mob.: 7892370168.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that my client Smt. Ramsati Yadav W/o. Manoj Kumar Yadav intend to buy the property mentioned in the schedule here below from LR's of Kondamma - Sri. Kondaiah, Sri. C.K. Janardhana, Sri. C.K. Anand, Sri. C.K. Kondaiah Babu residing at No.10007, Janapriya Heavens, Alallasandra, Bangalore-560065. If any one has got any claim or right over the same maybe please to intimate me within 7 days of this public notice. Where after no such claims will be entertained and my client will proceed with purchase of the schedule property and if any one comes with a claim after the execution of purchase via sale deed my client will not be responsible for the same.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing Site No.34, out of Property No. 4/1, Gantiganahalli Village Panchayath Khatha No. 251/34, measuring East to West : 40-0 Feet and North to South : (40+45)/2 Feet, totally measuring 1700 Square Feet, situated at Muddenahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, and bounded on : East by : Site No.33, West by : Road, North by : Road, South by : Site No. 35.

Ms. Akthar Begum, Advocate,
No.152, 1st Floor, 2nd Shop, 1st Main Road, 3rd Block, near BDA Complex, HBR Layout, BANGALORE - 560 043.
Mob. No. 9611840505

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH. 10)
O.S. No. 3313 / 2019

PLAINTIFF / APPLICANT : S. VISWANATH, S/o. Late. Swamykannu, Aged about 62 years, R/A. No. 56/A, 9th Main, 3rd Stage, 1st Block, Munigangga Kalyana Mantap, Manjunathnagar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560 032.

V/s

DEFENDANTS : K. Munikondamma & Others

Notice U/O 5 rule 20 of C.P.C. by way of paper publication to the Defendant No. 3

NOTICE / SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT No. 3

D-3 Sri. Kempanna S/o. Gudiyappa, Major, R/at No. 566, 1st Floor, 6th Cross, Neat Venkateshwara Theatre, Devasandra Main Road, K.R. Puram, Bangalore - 560 036.

Whereas the above plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for Injunction and Declaration.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this court **on 14.12.2023 at 11.00 a.m.** in person or through advocate / pleader to answer the questions to the same. Failing which the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the Vacant site bearing No.41, old Dasarahalli Panchayath Khata No. 1155/3, New BBMP Khata No. 107, formed in converted Survey No.1, katha No. 87/41, vide conversion order No. B.Dis.ALN.SR(N) 1; 1994/37-38 dated. 20/06/1937 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist., situated at Kammagondanahalli Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet. Totally 1200 sq.fts., and the said property is bounded on the :- **East by :** Site No.42., **West by :** Site No. 40., **North by :** Road, **South by :** Site No.67.

By Order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.
ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFF:
S. Praveena & Associates
No.38, 2nd Cross, 4th Main,
Singapura Garden, Bangalore - 560 090.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I AT BANGALORE

4th Floor, Telephone House (BSNL) Building, Rajabhavan Road, Bangalore-560 001.

O.A. No. 877/2022

Between :
Union Bank of India
... Applicant

Versus
M/s New Udupi Upahara and Others
...Defendants

SUMMONS UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 TO DEFENDANTS THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

To,

1) Defendant No. 1. M/s New Udupi Upahar No. 49/83/5A, Nagavara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk-560045.

2) Defendant No. 2. Mr. Pattabhi Madhyastha S/o Rajaram Subraya Madhyastha, Aged 43 years, Partner, New Udupi Upahara, No. 2, Maruthi Towers, 9th B Main, Chairman Layout, Banasawadi Main Road, Bangalore-560 043.

3) Defendant No. 3. Mr. Arun Kumar G S/o Narayana Ganiga, Aged 46 years, No. 414, Ganesh Nilaya, 9th A Main, HRBR 1st Block, Kalyanagar, Bangalore-560043.

Whereas the applicant bank has instituted an application Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Bank and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against you for the sum of recovery of **Rs.60,24,844.78/-** (Rupees Sixty Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Four and Paisa Seventy Eight) with curent and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **14.12.2023 at 10.30 am.** in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader / Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take Notice, that in default of appearance, on the day mentioned herein above, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal on this 25 October 2023

By order of the Tribunal
Registrar
The Debts Recovery Tribunal-1, Bangalore

HDFC BANK LIMITED

Regd. Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013
Branch: #51, HDFC House, Kasturba Road, Bangalore 560 001
Tel:-080-41183000 CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) **(HDFC)** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to **HDFC,** within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below in their respective names, together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notices from the respective dates mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realization, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to **HDFC** by the said Borrower (s) respectively.

Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Sl. No	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created
(a)	(b)	c	(d)	(f)
1	**Mrs. Shetty Vasanthi (Borrower), Mr. Shetty Venkat Charan (Co-Borrower-1), M/S Venkat Charan Associates (Co-Borrower-2)** Represented by Mrs. Shetty Vasanthi, Represented by Mr. Shetty Venkat Charan, **All are residing at:** Venkat Charan Associates, **Designation:** Partner, No.185, Ramakrishna Nilaya, 4th Main,1st Stage, A E C S Layout, Sanjay Nagar, RMV Extension 2nd Stage, Bengaluru 560094. **Also at:** Flat-304, 3rd Floor, R R Round Hill, Byatarayanapura, Hebbal Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru 560024.	**Loan A/c No: (1) 636763002 Rs.33,97,115/- (2) 637597997 Rs.1,07,654/- Total Amount Rs.35,04,769/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Four Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Nine Only) as on 31.10.2023**	**02.11.2023 N.P.A. Date: (e) 04.07.2023**	**Schedule - A:** All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing **Site No.1, 2 & 3,** formed on the property bearing No.51/7, (earlier Khatha No.18/51/7) situated at Hebbal Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West – 82+60/2 feet and North to South – 95+90/2 feet, totally measuring about **6567.5 Sq.Ft.,** bounded on the: **East by:** 30 feet Road, **West by:** Site No.4,5 & 6, **North by:** Private property, **South by:** 20 feet Road. **Schedule - B:** All that residential bearing **No.304** on the **Third Floor** of the building known as **'RR ROUND HILL'** constructed on schedule-A property with a super built up area of **1260 Sq.ft.,** together with **398 Sq.Ft.,** of undivided right, title, interest & claim in the land bearing sites nos.1,2 & 3 of Hebbal Village, along with one covered car park space bearing No.12 in the basement, having mosaic/Vitrified flooring, sal wood doors & windows with all civic amenities including all rights appurtenant thereto., present **BBMP No.33/18/51/7 – 1,2,3-304 Third Floor.**
2	**Mr. Muthyala Chandra Sekhar (Borrower),** No 89/1, 3rd Cross, Munireddy Layaout, Behind BBMP Office Road, Bellandur, Bengaluru 560103. **Also at:** 41/321-6, Sankarapuram, Chinnachowk, Cuddapah, Sankarapuram, Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh 516002. **Also at:** ASM Enterprise Solutions Private Limited, **Designation:** Ecommerce Manager, **Designation:** BDM13. **Employee No.:** 7659, # 4/1,7th Floor Tower D, IBC Knowledge Park, Bannerghatta Main Road, Taverekere, Bengaluru 560029. **Also at:** Unit-040, Ground Floor, Bavisha Urban Homes - Phase 2, Kadaagrahara Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Tq, Bangalore 562125.	**Loan A/c No: (1) 643604105 Rs.22,02,217/- (2) 643949956 Rs.28,458/- Total Amount Rs.22,30,675/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Thirty Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Five Only) as on 30.09.2023**	**30.10.2023 N.P.A. Date: (e) 04.07.2023**	**Schedule –A:** All that piece and parcel of residential converted property bearing **Survey No.15/2, measuring 2 acre 13 guntas out of 4 acres 5 guntas,** including 1 gunta karab land converted for residential pur[pose vide conversion order No.ALN:SR(S)24 of 2004-05, dated : 04.03.2005, issued by deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, having Property ID Property No.15020010010092049 7 and Panchayath E- Katha No.745/15/2, situated at Kadaagrahara Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on : **East by:** Remaining Portion of same Sy.No.15/2; **West by:** Land in Sy.No.15/1 belongs to Kurubana Ramaiah, **North by:** Road and remaining Portion of same Sy.No. 15/2, **South by:** Land belongs to LAkshmaiah Reddy in B.Hosahalli Village. **Schedule –B: 328 Sq.ft,** undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the land in schedule "A" Property (proportionate to the Schedule C Property). **Schedule –C:** A Residential Apartment bearing **Flat No.040, Ground Floor,** of the project **"BAVISHA URBAN HOMES PHASE II"** to be built in Schedule 'A' Property, having Panchayat **E Katha No. 849/040, (PID No. 15020010010092064 9),** with super built up area measuring **683 Sq.ft** including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, Vitrified flooring, staircases and other area of common use together with right to use with **one covered car parking space** in the Stilt floor of the building, and bounded on: **East by:** Common Open Area, **West by:** Corridor and Flat No.039, **North by:** Duct and Flat No.041, **South by:** Duct and Flat No.038.
3	**Mr. Kamatam Venkata Sathishwer Rao (Borrower),** 39, Hinter, Mannheim, Dem Wolfsberg, Germany. **Also at:** 502, Bluebells Residency, Churchroad Chandhanager, Hyderabad-AP, Telangana 500050. **Also at:** Novelis Deutchland GMBH, **Designation:** Supply Chain Planning, **Department:** IT Software SAP, Plant Goettingen Plant, Hannoverstrasse 1, Goettingen, Germany. **Also at:** Plot 738, S No 1/1,1/3, House 738, Khatta 1839, Bagalagunte Village, By MEI Employees House Building Co-Op Society Ltd, Yeshwantpur Bengaluru 560022.	**Loan A/c No: (1) 676787163: Rs.1,89,59,181/- (2) 678534489 : Rs.11,09,777/- Total Amount : Rs.2,00,68,958/- (Rupees Two Crore Sixty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Eight Only) as on 30.09.2023**	**31.10.2023 N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.10.2023**	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing **Site No.738, Katha No. 1839, formed out of Sy.Nos.1/1, 1/3, 3/2, 4/1, 4/2, 4/3, 4/4, 4/5, 4/6, 5, 6/1, 6/2, 7/1, 7/2, 8/1, 8/2, 9/1, 9/2, 11/1, 11/3, 11/4, 12(p), 13/1(p), 15/1, 15/2, 16/1, 16/2, 16/3, 17/1, 17/2, 18/1, 18/2, 18/3, 19/1, 19/2, 19/4, 23, 24, 25/1, 25/2, 25/3, 25/5 and 25/6,** situated at Bagalagunte Village, Yeshwanthapur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 40 (Forty ft) Sq.ft. and North to South 60'6" (Sixty feet Six inches) ft. in all measuring 2420 Sq.ft. and bounded on: **East by :** Site No.739, **West by :** Site No.737, **North by :** Site No.758, **South by :** Road. And any construction thereon present and future.
4	**Mr. Roy Sebastian Nellikkunnel (Borrower)** Flat B-1, F-2 in 1st Floor, Heritage -1 Apartment, Mutta Road, Vibhutipura Village, Krishanrajapuram Hobli, Near Canara Bank, Bengaluru 560037 **Mr. Roy Sebastian Nellikkunnel,** WIPRO GE Healthcare Private Limited, **Designation:** Product Manager, **Department:** HC SA IMG MICT, **Employee No:** 305018926 Brigade Metropolis, 7th Floor, Tower B, Summit Garudachar Palya Building, Mahadevpura, Bengaluru 560048.	**Loan A/c No: (1) 642066076 Rs.31,59,950/- (2) 643242484 Rs.16,06,892/- Total Amount : Rs.47,66,842/- (Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Sixty Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Two Only) as on 30.09.2023**	**30.10.2023 N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.06.2023**	**Schedule-A:** All that part and parcel of western portion of property bearing old H.A.sanitary board katha **no.187/170/A and 186/169/A,** then Krishanarajapuram City Municipal Council Katha No. 170/B, situated at:Matada Road, Vibhuthipura Village, Krishnarajapura Hobli, Erstwhile Bangalore South Taluk, Now Bangalore East Taluk, (erstwhile jurisdiction of Krishnarajapura city municipal council) now comes under the . jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, measuring East to West 39 Feet and North to South 63 Feet, in all measuring **2457 square feet** and property being bounded: On The **East by** : Portion of same property old HASB Katha Nos. 187/170/A and 186/169/A then K R Puram CMC Katha No.170/B On The **West by** : Property of Girijamma, On The **North by** : Road, On The **South by** : Property of Chandrashekar. **Schedule-B:** All the **16.28 % I .E 400 Square Feet** of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land i.e. Schedule 'A' Property and the built Apartment bearing **Flat No.B-1, F-2 in First Floor,** Apartment building known as **"Heritage-1" super built up area measuring 1050 Square Feet, Old Katha Sl.No.1660, Present Katha No.913,** consisting of Two bed rooms, Ceramic flooring, together with proportionate share in common areas such as benefits, appurtenances, advantages, privileges, easementary rights, passages, lobbies, staircase, etc. with **one covered car parking area** in the Ground floor.
5	**Mr. Chandrashekhar B T (Borrower)** Celstream Technologies Private Limited. **Designation:** Technical Lead, **Department:** Kodak **Employee No:** 5083, # 29/2, 2nd Cross Electronic City, Bengaluru 560060. **Also at:** # 870, 3rd Floor, 2B Cross, Kalidasa Nagar, Hosakerehalli, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru 560085. **Also at:** Plot No 500, Door No 500, Srinivasa Nilaya, IUDP Layout, 3rd Main Road, 5th Block, 29th Ward, Near Dr.Rajkumar Park, Chitradurga - 577501.	**Loan Account No. (630105833 Rs.31,84,227/- (Rupees Thirty One Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Seven Only) as on 30.09.2023**	**02.11.2023 ..... N.P.A. Date: (e) 06.05.2023**	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site and House **No.500, Khata No.5962/5788/13569/500, Municipal Old Khata No.5788, Assessment No.13569, PID No.29-6-658-167, Document No.379755,** site measuring East to West: 9.144018 Meter and North to South: 7.620015, in all measuring 69**.677250 Square Meter,** with the house **constructed in ground floor and first floor house measuring 53.419225 Square Meter,** containing of mosaic flooring, R.C.C Roofing, situated at 5th Block, Ward No.29, towards right side of the Bangalore- Dharwad Road, I.U.D.P Layout, within the jurisdiction of Chitradurga Sub-Registrar, Chitradurga Nagar, Chitradurga District, and any building constructed thereon, bounded by: **East :** Road, **West :** Site No.409 and 410, **North :** Site No.497, **South :** Site No.499.
6	**Mr. Michael Sharotri (Borrower)** Qatar Airways, **Designation:** Welfare and Support, **Department:** QR Tower Tower 3 Airport Road, Doha, Qatar. **Also at:** P.O. Box No.: 22550, Qatar Airways, Doha, Qatar. **Also at:** C/O Vijay Sharotri, Sunshine 701, Sowparnika Purple Rose, Sidlaghatta Road, Before Hoskote Dairy, Hoskote, Bengaluru Rural 562114. **Also at:** Flat-P205, 2nd Floor, LA Palma Residences - Block P, S No 120/2,"Galombata", Marna, Siolim, Bardez, North Goa, Siolim, Goa 403517.	**Loan Account No. (1) 659768475 Rs.33,79,603/- (2) 660977384 Rs. 2,09,104/- (3) 674977919 Rs.8,36,170/- Total Amount Rs.44,24,877/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakh Twenty Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Seven Only) as on 30.09.2023**	**31.10.2023 ..... N.P.A. Date: (e) 04.07.2023**	**Schedule –I :** All that property known as **"GOLOMBATA",** admeasuring **6250.00 sq. mts.** described in the Land Registration Office under **No. 16747 at Page 127 V of Book B-43,** forming part of the larger property which is described as a whole in the Land Registration Office under No. 8129 at Page 130 V of Book B-21 (New), not enrolled in the Taluka Revenue Office and presently surveyed under Survey no. 120/2 of Village Marna, situated within the jurisdiction of Village Panchayat of Marna-Siolim, Registration sub-district of Bardez, District of North Goa, and bounded as under: On the **East by :** the property bearing survey nos. 120/3 and 120/8, On the **West by :** the property bearing surve no. 120/1, On the **North by :** the drain of rain water, On the **South by :** boundary of Village Assagao. **Schedule –II:** All that residential **Flat No. P205 admeasuring 68.50 sq. mts.** on the **Second Floor of Block P** of the said complex **"LA PALMA RESIDENCES"** and together with the undivided proportionate share in the property described in the Schedule I hereinabove mentioned. The said **flat bears House No. 34-1-P205** in the record of the Village Panchayat Marna Siolim, Bardez Goa.

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₹ 118.4 cr net profit, a four-fold jump, leading stock exchange BSE has reported for the quarter ended in September 2023

Is the crypto market ready for a big comeback?

Confidence in crypto bull-run strengthened when Morgan Stanley indicated that Bitcoin halving event approaching in April 2024 would lead to end of crypto winter

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

THE cryptocurrency landscape has endured various challenges, including market downturns, regulatory uncertainties, taxation and operational difficulties. Despite this, crypto exchanges are optimistic about the bull phase in cryptocurrency.

The confidence in another crypto bull-run further strengthened when Morgan Stanley indicated that the Bitcoin (BTC) halving event approaching in April 2024 would lead to end of crypto winter.

Bitcoin is the top cryptocurrency, accounting for 50% of the total digital asset market. It acts as a proxy for the overall crypto market, influencing other cryptocurrencies. The Bitcoin halving is a process that occurs approximately every four years, where the number of new bitcoins created every 10 minutes is reduced by half. This process is designed to create scarcity and maintain the value of bitcoins. It ensures that the total supply of bitcoins is limited to 21 million, after which no more bitcoins will be mined.

"Estimates of when exactly the next halving will occur vary, but history indicates it has the potential to occur sometime around April 2024. Based on current data, signs indicate that crypto winter may be in the past and that crypto spring is likely on the horizon. However, keep in mind that there have only been three crypto springs to date. In other words, there is still a lot to learn," Morgan Stanley said in its recent report.

Bitcoin, the world's biggest cryptocurrency surged 28% in October on investors' speculations that US regulators may approve a spot bitcoin ETF. This optimism has fuelled expectations of increased demand for bitcoin.

According to Edul Patel, CEO & Co-founder of Mudrex, the launch of Bitcoin and Ethereum ETFs, pending regulatory approval, is expected to attract substantial institutional investments into the crypto space. Such developments signal a growing acceptance and recognition of cryptocurrencies as a legitimate asset class, potentially driving further price appreciation and market growth.

As per Rajagopal Menon, Vice President, WazirX, "...a torrent of institutional money is poised to flow into Bitcoin, pending the launch of ETFs. On the regulatory front, G20 nations are gearing up to implement guidelines in line with the Synthesis Paper roadmap. In a nod to both Bitcoin's iconic colour, one could say: The future is bright, the future is Orange."

Bitcoin up 28% in October

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Meanwhile, Vimal Sagar Tiwari, Co-founder and COO, CoinSwitch said, Bitcoin, the largest crypto by market cap, is up by over 60%, from around $16.5k at the beginning of the year to close to $27k at the beginning of October. He too is positive about BTC and the larger crypto market entering a bull phase after the halving event, based on historical trends.

Minal Thukral, Executive Vice President, Growth and Strategy, CoinDCX said "In last 16 years I have seen two bear markets and one bull market... At the current phase, we are facing some challenges, primarily because of the introduction of TDS. Due to this the volumes have shrunk by 80% at CoinDCX. There are exchanges who are moving to foreign exchanges, B2B exchanges. As and when we see regulatory changes in the country, we will start seeing more momentum in India also."

Experts expect the market to mature as regulation are rolled out by the government. This will lead to consolidation and better governance mechanism put in by the existing players.

"It is important to understand it's a high volatility asset class and hence will require investors especially retail ones be made aware of the risks associated with investing in crypto assets," Shravan Shetty, MD, Primus Partners said.

"Currently banks are not comfortable since its an unregulated asset class. I think as regulations come in and the market matures expect banks to change their stance towards this asset class," Shetty added.

Govt stance

According to experts, it is crucial for investors to exercise caution and conduct thorough research before engaging in the market. Recent complaints against exchanges regarding fund refunds highlight the importance of choosing reliable platforms. Meanwhile, most banks are reluctant in tying up with the crypto exchanges after RBI announced its reservations against the cryptocurrencies.

Though exchanges are optimistic about the G20 nations adopting the synthesis paper released by Financial Stability Board (FSB) and International Monetary Fund (IMF) that carries a number of suggestions on regulations of cryptocurrencies, experts have different viewpoint. According to them, regulations will be negative for the crypto industry, as those who deal in crypto will come under Government's scrutiny.

"Regulations around crypto will make it unattractive as the freedoms it enjoys now will be eliminated. Strict regulations and disclosure requirements will slow things down," said Charan Singh, Economist and founder of EGROW.

Recently RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das also expressed his concerns over cryptocurrencies. He said that they are a serious threat to global financial stability, especially for emerging market economies like India. He stressed upon the risks involved in crypto which have already been highlighted by the IMF-FSB synthesis paper. Earlier, Das had even called for complete ban on crypto usage.

Besides this, former economic affairs Secretary Subhash Chandra Garg said, "People make investments in financial assets, including cryptos, based on their understanding of the assets, their greed and the risk-reward they see in the asset they invest. My own assessment is that cryptocurrencies are not worth making any investment in India and currently."

MONEY MATTERS

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

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'LIVING IN THE MOMENT' RISK TO YOUR MONEY

THE world is witnessing some serious fireworks. Death and destruction is the story due to conflicts in Gaza and Ukraine. High inflation around the world is leading to high-interest rates. Gold prices and US-dollar-denominated assets are up significantly, indicating a flight to safety. Bond yields on 10-year government bonds of significant countries continue to remain firm. Experts predict a recession in America and a sharp fall in equity asset prices worldwide.

In the backdrop of all of that, a lot of youngsters are looking at 'living in the moment'. Surveys show that Gen Z is interested in the concept of 'soft saving', where you focus on economic and mental well-being. The outrage in social media over Infosys founder N R Narayana Murthy's 70-hour work week statement is possibly due to that frame of mind for those born after the year 2000. It is a sort of emotion people had in the 60s in America. The idea of all-round growth and not just economic matters. However, that cannot happen by cutting corners in your long-term goals.

Humans tend to find an easy way out when the going gets tough. 'Living in the moment' is one such answer to tough financial times. Inflation is eating into savings and hurting people's livelihoods. You are forced to earn more just to maintain your existing lifestyle. Some experts argue that the impact of inflation is such that the current generation of young people is effectively making less money than their parents.

Express illustration

Financial planning is an exercise that can help you create space for 'living in the moment' events. While you cannot plan for the things that define that particular moment, you can keep a provision to deal with the economic cost of such a moment.

To get to that, you need to understand the risk to your money. For example, if you wish to backpack to the Himalayas or Europe for a month or do something else spur of the moment, it is not just the cost of such a trip that is enough. There is an aftermath,too. When you return, you may quit your regular job and become a freelancer or professional. You may start up on your own. It is safe to assume you are prepared for the rocky path ahead. You need to have an adequate amount in the bank.

Not long ago, we discussed the 'Financial Independence, Retire Early' concept. That entails leading a frugal life by giving up a regular job for the next ten years. However, it also involves saving and investing a lot too. According to a recent survey published on CNBC.com, Gen Z plans not to retire at all. The idea is to work towards rewarding experiences rather than just earning money. As a result, more and more Americans are saving less. In India, it is no different. Although Indians save much more than Americans, the share of financial savings has fallen sharply over the past few years. Most households rely on personal loans to finance consumption expenditures. An essential read of the RBI monthly bulletin that publishes the household savings data will show the sharp increase in consumer loans. It also shows a sharp fall in financial savings as a percentage of GDP.

Instead of arguing about a generational clash, you must focus on using common sense in tackling inflation and the aftermath of that. Every dream can be categorised as a long-term and short-term financial goal. You can plan your investments according to your idea of such goals. If you agree to do that, you must make an appropriate asset allocation of your monthly surplus towards these goals. If you cannot do that yourself, you should get a professional financial advisor to help you.

While you fulfil your 'living in the moment' idea, you can also put aside a tiny amount today for your retirement. You will not realise that a small amount invested in the BSE Sensex or the NSE Nifty regularly can ride on the magic of compounding and beat inflation.

MONEY-WISE

WAR CLOUDS TURN THE SPOTLIGHT ON GOLD

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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(Views expressed here are personal)

SMART investors have historically used Gold as a natural hedge in their portfolios to their equity holdings as in periods of crisis, when equities tend to consolidate or weaken, gold has surged.

Following the attack by Hamas on Israel last month and the latter's ongoing retaliation, Gold as a precious metal returned to the spotlight after investors across the globe revisited their asset allocation plans based on fears of the broader fallout of this conflict.

This was also clearly witnessed in the early months of 2020, when the first Covid wave swept across the globe. After a brief lull, it was witnessed again following the break-out of hostilities between Russia and Ukraine, which has since, escalated into a full blown war too.

Other than commodity traders who deal in the precious metal and are not averse to selling it when found profitable to, the rest, by and large tend to hoard and pass gold down their generations.

What has changed though is the growing number of investors who prefer to use gold as a pure investment avenue and accumulate it with the clear cut intention of profiting from it at the appropriate time. So, what are the common investment avenues used by those that invest in gold? Exchange traded Funds (ETFs), Fund of Funds and of late, Sovereign Gold bonds.

Gold ETFs are units representing physical gold in dematerialized form. One Gold ETF unit is equal to 1 gram of 24k gold and is backed by physical gold of very high purity. Gold ETFs combine the flexibility of stock investment and the simplicity of gold investments and are listed at the premier stock exchanges, and traded just like the stock of any company. A demat account is necessary to transact in Gold ETFs and the current debt taxation rules sans indexation are applicable on the realized gains therefrom.

Gold Fund of Funds, more commonly referred to as Gold Mutual Funds are open-ended funds which invest in units of Gold ETF. The returns of these funds reflect that of the underlying Gold ETF. While these funds are very convenient for making pre-set (eg.. SIP) purchases and sales in Gold the expense ratios levied by the fund houses running them, make them marginally costlier. Its taxation is the same as ETFs.

Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGBs), which is relatively newer, is issued by the central bank (RBI). It periodically issues SGBs multiple times in a year and fixes a price for each issuance. Investors have to pay the issue price in cash and the bonds will be redeemed in cash on maturity. The SGBs have a lock-in period of 5 years which prevents one from cashing in on it in case of a spurt in the price of the yellow metal.

The timing of entry and exit in this asset class matters a lot and to mitigate the risk of going horribly wrong with timing, it might be better to seek professional advise. A look at Gold returns over the last 10 years suggests that there is money to be made in Gold by a patient investor. Be patient and bet on the unfortunate ability of humans to create conflict and crisis.

Supreme Court refuses to entertain plea to frame regulation on crypto

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court has thrown out a petition that asked the apex court to direct the government to frame guidelines for regulation of trading and mining of cryptocurrencies.

A bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud said the main reliefs sought in the plea were more in nature of a legislative direction.

The bench, also comprising Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, observed that though the petition was under Article 32 of the Constitution, it was evident that the "real purpose is to seek bail in proceedings which are pending against the petitioner."

"We are unable to subscribe to this course of action. The petitioner would be at liberty to move the appropriate court for the grant of regular bail. Insofar as the main reliefs are concerned, they are more in a nature of a legislative direction which the court cannot issue under Article 32 of the Constitution," the bench said in its order passed on Friday.

Article 32 deals with right to constitutional remedies and 32 (1) grants a citizen the right to move the apex court for enforcement of rights.

The bench noted that reliefs sought in the plea filed by the Uttar Pradesh-based man also included a direction for prosecution of cases involving digital assets/cryptocurrencies.

"We accordingly dispose of the petition granting liberty to the petitioner to pursue his remedies in accordance with law," it said.

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Mutual funds see stellar inflows in October 2023

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Indian mutual fund industry registered a stellar performance with net inflows growing by a whooping 473% at ₹80,528 crore in the month of October 2023, as against Rs 14,047 crore in October 2022. While debt mutual funds witnessed net inflows after two consecutive months of outflows, equity mutual funds as a category witnessed inflows more than doubling on a year-on-year basis.

The net Assets under Management (AUM) of the Indian mutual fund industry grew by 18 per cent to touch ₹46.72 lakh crore as on October 31, 2023, up from ₹39.50 lakh crore as on October 31, 2022. Average Assets under Management (AAUM) of the industry stood at ₹47.80 lakh crore for the month of October 2023, as against ₹39.53 lakh crore in October 2022.

Net inflows into equity-oriented schemes grew by 113 per cent at ₹19,957 crore in October, up from Rs 9,390 crore in the same period last year. Sequentially, inflows grew by nearly 42 per cent from ₹14,091 crore in September this year. While all equity fund categories recorded good net inflows, small caps and gold ETFs clearly were outperformers, ICRA Analytics, the analytical wing and wholly owned subsidiary of ICRA Ltd, said.

Among the growth/equity-oriented schemes, the small cap funds witnessed inflows to the tune of ₹4495 crore, up from ₹2678 crore in September this year. Sectoral/thematic funds saw net inflows of ₹3896 crore; mid-cap fund at ₹2409 crore while multi-cap funds saw inflows to the tune of ₹2911 crore. Gold ETFs (exchange traded funds) registered 472 per cent growth in net inflows at ₹841 crore in October this year, as against ₹147 crore same period last year.

Debt mutual funds, which had witnessed huge surge in net outflows at ₹1.01 lakh crore in September this year, saw inflows to the tune of around Rs 42,634 crore in October, with 11 out of 16 fund categories witnessing inflows during the month.

Commenting on the latest AMFI data, Ashwini Kumar, Head Market Data, ICRA Analytics said, "Net inflows during the month of October 2023 has grown by a whooping 473 per cent at ₹80,528 crore, as against ₹14,047 crore in October 2022. The industry had registered net outflows of ₹66,192 crore in September 2023. Debt mutual funds, which had witnessed huge surge in net outflows at ₹1.01 lakh crore in September, saw inflows to the tune of around ₹42,634 crore in October while equity funds registered net inflows of ₹19,957 crore.

SEMIFINALS: INDIA VS NZ, AUS VS SA

Hosts India will take on New Zealand at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai in the first semifinal on Wednesday while South Africa will play Australia in the second semifinal the next day. The winners of the semifinals will then vie for the prestigious trophy at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad on November 19.

Afghanistan made headlines with wins over England, Pakistan and Sri Lanka | AFP

Afghanistan's indomitable spirit

From playing at refugee camps to registering four victories in this World Cup and qualifying for the Champions Trophy, the cricketers from the country have been the story of the marquee tournament

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THE year is 2004. Wisden, cricket's bible, are celebrating Ricky Ponting as their 'Leading Cricketer in the World'. In the magazine's 'Round the World' section, a small news item captures the very essence of a war-torn country making its way up the sport's ranks.

"Allah Dad Noori (a former refugee who formed the Afghanistan Cricket Federation) was playing one day in Kabul when a young man walked by carrying an AK47, watched for a while before being invited to join," Wisden had noted. "Afterwards, he asked if he could play next time. When he returned, he was without the rifle. 'Where's your AK47?', asked Noori. 'Oh, I don't need that', the youth replied. 'I'm playing cricket'."

Taj Malik, the country's then coach, had seen this enthusiasm. "Taj set up a team in the Kacha Gari refugee camp," according to Second XI: Cricket in its Outposts, a book on cricket and how its played outside the elite. "Mohammad Nabi, Asghar Stanikzai, Dawlat Zadran and Shapoor Zadran all played together at a camp in Peshawar."

Nabi stands as a symbol of what they have been through. It's taken them over 20 years of pain and heartache but they are no longer in the shadows. At this World Cup alone, they have beaten four former world champions. They almost took down a five-time champions, Australia. In a story like this, there's always bound to be pain. The small but growing Afghanistan cricketing community woke up one morning in August 2008 to realise one of their own had been killed by US-led coalition forces. "On 27 August 2008, American forces raided the home of a former player, Rahmat Wali, after receiving a tip-off and shot him dead at the age of 28," per Second XI in its chapter on Afghanistan. "Wali was suspected of being an IED facilitator."

It's 15 years and two-and-a-half months removed from that incident but it's hard for the fraternity to let time do its thing. So, in May 2023, the Afghanistan Cricket Board, launched the 'Rahmat Wali Emerging Cup'. The name of the Cup is a reminder of the death and devastation the country has had to face. If cricket has been a balm, that balm has frequently been played in the backdrop of bombs, deaths and political turmoil.

While it's impossible not to reference Afghanistan's rise without talking about these deaths, the 15 men who crisscrossed India are a supremely confident bunch capable of beating the best. The modern framing, then, ought to be divorced from the past. If the presence of Nabi is a reminder of where they were once, the likes of Rashid Khan, Ibrahim Zadran and Rahmanullah Gurbaz is evidence of what they are. Of what they can be if they continue to produce cricketers like this.

While the hedonistic Gurbaz has been hit and miss, Ibrahim registered the country's first century at the World Cup against Australia. Zadran and Gurbaz also stand for the country's growing nous in the batting department. Ever since they began to dance with the elite, they have had bowlers capable of winning them games. At this World Cup, their batters have shone through. Crucially, they are all different kinds of batters. Gurbaz is capable of launching it in the powerplay. Zadran is a more measured batter, capable of batting deep. Skipper Hashmatullah Shahidi is the glue in the middle-order. All-rounder Azmatullah Omarzai, who top-scored with an unbeaten 97 against South Africa, can provide the fireworks at the death with Rashid.

All this is proof that the team is primed for the next stage in the development process. That process may well be on display at the 2025 edition of the Champions Trophy. If it takes place in Pakistan, a sort of spiritual home of Afghanistan cricket, they may well find that extra motivation to go deep into the tournament.

Lesli Knott is fairly intimate with the team's rise. A film she co-directed in 2010, 'Out of the Ashes', was one of the earliest pieces of art that informed the wider world about the country's rise up the ICC ranks. "When I started filming the documentary, I had already been living in Afghanistan for 4 years," she tells this daily. "When I arrived in 2004, I was struck by the beauty of the land and also the immense hospitality of the people. It wasn't just the hospitality but their humour, spirit and resilience. 'Out of the Ashes' was the first documentary I made, and we were compelled to follow the team as they embarked on their first steps on the ICC ladder. Trying to win Division 5 in Jersey, playing alongside teams like America, Jersey and Vanuatu, we witnessed how that spirit drove them. We started filming with them in Kabul, and they gave us full access to their journey. Their facilities were absolutely basic, but it is an important reminder that it's not what you have but instead of where you see yourself being."

The idea to film the team came after reading an article that had appeared in the London Times. She called Taj and the motion for the documentary was set in motion. Knott, a Canadian, knew nothing about the game. But she didn't need to. The movie wasn't about cricket. It was about the power of dreams. "I am Canadian and knew nothing about cricket when I started. But with each division win, I learned more and more. The film isn't just about cricket, but about the power of dreams, and the desire to do something for your country. As refugees in Pakistan, they wanted to play under their flag. They achieved that, and more so — they paved the way for the team that is currently playing against Australia today (Tuesday). Cricket in Afghanistan exploded after their meteoric rise."

That rise is set to continue.

Emerging players of the tournament

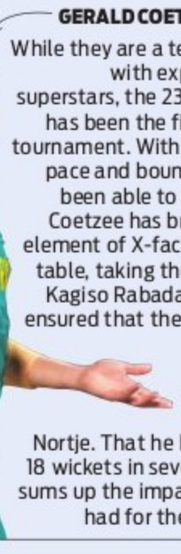
With the league stage of the World Cup over, a look at some of the up and coming stars of the showpiece event...

RACHIN RAVINDRA (NZ)

Before the World Cup, he had batted only eight times in ODIs, all coming at No. 6 or below. As an opener, he has been such a revelation that it is hard to imagine New Zealand's campaign, especially when they did not have the services of captain Kane Williamson for most games, going so well as it has for now. Rachin finished the league stages with 565 runs - three hundreds and as many fifties — but safe to say he is just getting started as an international star.

GERALD COETZEE (SA)

While they are a team filled with experienced superstars, the 23-year-old has been the find of the tournament. With the extra pace and bounce he has been able to generate, Coetzee has brought an element of X-factor to the table, taking the load off Kagiso Rabada, and has ensured that the team did not miss the services of Andre Nortje. That he has taken 18 wickets in seven games sums up the impact he has had for the Proteas.



AZMATULLAH OMARZAI (AFG)

The signs were always there even when he made a mark at the U19 World Cup. With 353 runs as a middle-order batter at an average of 70.6 and seven wickets, the 23-year-old had a significant role in Afghanistan winning three games and coming close to beating Australia. At the biggest stage, the all-rounder showed that he is going to be the crisis man in the years to come.

DILSHAN MADUSHANKA (SL)

Another player who made his ODI debut in 2023, the left-arm seamer has been the silver lining in what has been a dismal show for Sri Lanka that led to government intervention and then a suspension. His performance — 21 wickets in nine games at 25 — is in a way testament to the fact that one player can have only so much impact on a team's campaign when things are going their way. That Rohit Sharma's dismissal in Mumbai is something that will be remembered for a while.

ARYAN DUTT (NED)

He might not have lit up the stage as such, but the off-spinner was one of the major positives for Netherlands in this World Cup. Every time, the team needed him to step up with the ball for a specific match-up, the 20-year-old stepped up. And the more gets to play international cricket for Netherlands, the better is going to get in the coming years.

IBRAHIM ZADRAN (AFG)

He was the first one to score a WC hundred for his country. He finished as leading run-scorer — 376 runs in nine games — for the team. Alongside Omarzai, he was the shining star for Afghanistan in this World Cup. And with Rahmanullah Gurbaz, he is going to form one of the prolific opening pairs in international cricket — something the team will need when they take part in the 2025 Champions Trophy.

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Shubman Gill (IND), Abdullah Shafique (PAK), Tanzid Tamim (BAN) might not have won matches on their own, but they have shown enough signs to say that the cricketing world is going to see a lot of them in the future.

Rahul, Shreyas tons give India ninth win on the trot

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Bengaluru

ON Sunday morning, the Garden City decked itself up for the Festival of Lights, Deepavali. As a pleasant early winter sun started making its presence felt, a vast majority of them, with their shiny new clothes, filled Queens Road and Cubbon Road as they began walking towards the M Chinnaswamy Stadium.

Even if the World Cup's final league match was devoid of any jeopardy – the hosts had already rubber-stamped their entry into the last four winning eight out of eight – they didn't want to let slip the momentum they had built over the last five weeks. So, as expected, they named an unchanged side.

As soon as Rohit Sharma won the toss, he had no hesitation in batting first on a strip with lots of runs. They finished with 410/4 as they married aggression with timing. The Supreme Court may have banned certain crackers but the near capacity crowd were treated to an electric display of batting from every member of India's top five, including 100s from Shreyas Iyer (128 n.o, 10x4, 5x6) and KL Rahul (102, 11x4, 4x6). It was only the third time in ODI history that each of the top five had scored in excess of 50.

The total was always going to be a mountain to climb for the Netherlands and they were bowled out for 250 to give the hosts a ninth straight World Cup win. Only once before have they managed this feat but that came across two WCs (2011 and 2015). As has been the case in several games, the bowlers shared the wickets. Even if Mohammed Shami had a rare off night in terms of taking wickets, the four other frontline bowlers picked two wickets each. Virat Kohli, who bowled three overs much to the delight of the crowd, and Rohit Sharma (not a misprint), picked one each as the hosts protected their pacers with the semifinal fixture on Wednesday. Even Shubman Gill and Suryakumar Yadav rolled their arms over before the skipper picked the final wicket of the night. .

India team celebrates after Ravindra Jadeja takes a wicket against Netherlands in Bengaluru on Sunday. India beat Netherlands by 160 runs | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

SEMIFINAL LINE-UP

November 15
India v. New Zealand @ Mumbai

November 16
Australia v. South Africa @ Kolkata

If Rohit (61, 8x4, 2x6), Shubman Gill (51 3x4, 4x6) and Kohli (51 5x4, 1x6) came up with the five-course degustation menu, Iyer and Rahul's back-end domination meant the collective efforts of the batting group had resulted in a winning combination. The already well-set pair put the foot down at the death and ended up scoring 126 runs across the last 10 overs.

The continued efficiency of India's middle-order will stand them in good stead when the business end of the event begins next week with the first of the two semifinals. The hosts had a perennial question mark over their Nos. 4 and 5 at the last World Cup. That sort of indecisiveness cost them against New Zealand in the semifinal of the last edition in 2019. There's no such issue this time out as the team has a settled look to it.

Coach Rahul Dravid had called it 'exceptional' on Saturday. "Our middle-order has been truly exceptional in this tournament," he had said. "I can look back at this whole campaign... one knock here, two knocks there. A Shreyas innings, a Rahul knock, Jaddu (Ravindra Jadeja) innings in Dharamsala. You can look at a lot of these small, small things, and actually that's what really gives you those wins at the end of the day. So, it's a combination of things."

On Monday, the players will leave for Mumbai. Standing between them and the final is New Zealand. If the batting unit can find their mojo again -- they have been on song throughout the tournament -- there is no reason to suggest they won't be in the final on November 19.

Briefscores: India 410/4 in 50 overs (Rohit Sharma 61, Shubman Gill 51, Virat Kohli 51, Shreyas Iyer 128*, KL Rahul 102, Netherlands 250/9 in 50 overs Max ODowd 30, Colin Ackermann 35, SKYbrand Engelbrecht 45).

Down and out, but not all over for Sri Lanka yet

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

THE writing was on the wall. Only a few days before the start of the ODI World Cup, they were bowled out for 50 runs in 15.2 overs by India at the Asia Cup final on their home turf in Colombo. The fact that Sri Lanka had to take the qualifying route to make it to the showpiece event was enough to predict their fate in the 10-team marquee tournament. As the winners of the qualifying event, they entered the contest as the ninth-ranked side and were likely to finish in the same position. In that sense, the result is somewhat expected. But what made the matter worse for the 1996 champions was the manner of defeats they suffered. It all started with South Africa posting 428 against them, the highest total in the tournament's history, and registering a 102-run win. The woeful campaign culminated with a five-wicket loss against New Zealand as the Kiwis achieved the target of 172 with 160 balls remaining.

In between, Sri Lanka managed two wins. The first came against the only associate nation in the tournament, Netherlands, while the second one was registered against the defending champions England. The latter might sound pleasing but given the equally disastrous campaign England had had, the result can hardly be termed a silver lining for the island nation.

Among the seven losses, the one that hurt them most was the 302-run defeat against the hosts wherein they were bowled out for 55 runs. It was this result that drew extreme reactions as the Sri Lanka government dismissed the SLC board and appointed an interim seven-member committee headed by former World Cup-winning captain Arjuna Ranatunga. The court though restored the SLC only for the parliament to unanimously pass a resolution, calling for the sacking of the board, with both the ruling and opposition parties supporting it on Thursday. The final nail in the coffin was the ICC Board's decision to suspend the SCL's membership on Friday.

With Bangladesh finishing eighth on the points despite losing to Australia by eight wickets in their last league match on Saturday, Sri Lanka's hopes of qualifying for the 2025 Champions Trophy also got over. The tournament is scheduled in Pakistan and the top seven teams from the World Cup points table qualify for it. With hosts Pakistan set to finish in the top-7, the eighth team makes it to the knockout tournament.

The Island Nation has been a part of the World Cup since the first edition in 1975 winning the trophy in 1996 and finishing runners-up in 2007 and 2011. Since they were awarded Test status in 1981, the team has only grown in stature frequently outsmarting their more famed Asian counterparts India and Pakistan. Similarly, they have featured in all the past eight editions of the Champions Trophy, the first two of which were Wills International Cup and ICC KnockOut before being rechristened into the current format. Incidentally, Sri Lanka hosted the first tournament after it was given the name Champions Trophy and finished joint winners with India in 2002/03.

Soon after they won their maiden T20 World Cup beating India in the final in 2014, stalwarts like Mahela Jayawardene, Kumar Sangakkara and Tillakaratne Dilshan started bidding adieu to the game creating a vacuum. "As soon as these players announced retirement, the slide began as the transition was not that smooth," a senior Sri Lankan journalist noted. Adding further he said, "It's not that this didn't happen to other teams. It happened to Australia and India as well but they have groomed the successors well to replace the outgoing legends. But in Sri Lanka, that didn't happen."

A few years ago, the SLC gave first-class status to more than 10 clubs making the premier domestic tournament, which started featuring 26 clubs, a farce. The reasoning behind the move was that it would give more opportunities to fringe players and also make them first-class cricketers, which in turn qualify them for various leagues played in England and Australia. "The intention was good as these first-class cricketers then got a chance to earn more in England and Australia but it rendered first-class competition in the country ineffective. The league turned uncompetitive with even ordinary batters or bowlers making hay against weaker sides," said another Sri Lankan journalist.

It's not that the ill effects went unnoticed as the SLC decided to revert to the old format by demoting the lower-rung sides from 2022 and introducing a five-team provincial tournament, the National Super League, to restore competitiveness. But by then, the damage had been done.

When the teams were busy building their core groups for the World Cup, Sri Lanka either dropped or rested six senior cricketers including Angelo Mathews and Dinesh Chandimal two years ago. Mathews was eventually called back following Sri Lanka's disastrous start to the tournament. Besides, the support staff of the national men's team miserably failed to deliver the expected results.

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CHOOSING BETWEEN COURSE COUNTRY UNIVERSITY

WHILE PLANNING TO STUDY ABROAD

What factors go into deciding which university is right? Should you prioritise choosing the country or the course? ***Saumyangi Yadav*** asks experts, consultants, varsities and students for their suggestions

THE admission season is once again on the horizon as several foreign universities in different countries have begun the admission process for their Spring intake.

This is a crucial time for all aspiring students who are eager to move abroad for higher education, to start shortlisting their options.

One of the most crucial and initial steps is researching and shortlisting universities that fit your interests. Experts suggest that every aspiring student can start the application process by shortlisting their preferred countries, universities and programmes. Here's what else they say.

What would be the location?

While choosing the country, both experts and students suggest that you think about your long-term aspirations beforehand. For example, would you want to settle down in a particular country or come back and pursue your career in India?

"If you want to settle down, you need to research about visa conditions and immigration policies. You should also read about the stay back period allowed on a post-study work visa, as it would differ for every country. Of course, language barrier, cost of living and tuition costs are more obvious factors that one considers before choosing which country," explained Ankur Dhawan, President, upGrad Study Abroad.

It might also be advised that students pick the location which aligns with the choice of their programme and ensure higher exposure in the particular field, experts advised.

Abizer Merchant, Director (India & Sri Lanka) at Macquarie University, Australia, opined, "The selection process can start by researching the discipline or course. This can be followed by considering the country or location for study as certain countries may not be suitable for a chosen discipline. If a student wants to study Marine Science, it would not be suitable to study this course in a country which does not have a coastline."

Choosing the university

Jitin Chawla, career counsellor and global education consultant, explained what factors a student should consider while picking out universities.

"As a rule of thumb, we advise students to pick anywhere near seven to eight foreign universities based on several deeply researched factors like courses offered, visa, location, tuition cost, eligibility criteria, financing and more. The interest to pursue education in foreign universities is increasing among students and many locations like the Netherlands and Japan are up-and-coming destinations for higher education," he said.

Anjana Singh, Regional Head South Asia, University of East Anglia, UK, explained, "I would recommend the students to be in touch with your career advisors or university representatives in India."

Hear it from a student

Alumni and Indian students currently pursuing education in foreign universities also spoke about their experience with the process of picking out the university, course and country which was the right fit for them.

Violina Kalita, a student of MSc International Business at Loughborough Business School, UK, shared her experience. "In my decision to study abroad, my primary objective was to develop my employability. I chose to study MSc as it is aligned with these exacting prerequisites. The UK's economic stability and job market were important factors behind my choosing to study here. The overall student experience is also something worth researching. For me, this included having a single-site campus with great career support and networking opportunities."

MOMENT OF TRUTH

VATSAL CHANDRA, AN ALUMNUS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX, DELVES INTO THE INTRICACIES OF DECISION-MAKING FOR STUDENTS PLANNING TO STUDY ABROAD AT THE PG LEVEL. HERE'S WHAT HE SUGGESTS

ACADEMIC GOALS

Your academic journey begins with understanding your career aspirations and areas of interest. What field of study, research specialisation, or programme aligns best with your long-term goals? Seek guidance from mentors, professors, and professionals in your chosen field to gain valuable insight

PROSPECTS

Consider the job market and employment opportunities in your chosen country. Understand visa regulations and the demand for your field of expertise. Ensure the country aligns with your career goals, whether you seek immediate job prospects or research opportunities

BUDGET

Financial planning is crucial. Assess your resources, considering tuition fees, living expenses, and potential part-time work opportunities. Explore scholarships and financial aid options available to international students to ensure a financially secure academic journey

LOCATION

Are you inclined towards an urban or rural setting? Consider the climate, lifestyle, and cultural experiences. Each location has its own unique charm and can significantly impact your overall experience

LANGUAGE

Language proficiency plays a pivotal role. Can you comfortably study in the native language of your host country, or do you prefer an English-speaking environment? Success in your academic journey hinges on your comfort with the language of instruction

13 documents for a complete application

HERE IS A GENERAL LIST OF IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS, WITHOUT WHICH YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATION IS INCOMPLETE:

APPLICATION FORM

A no-brainer, this is the document that ultimately makes or breaks your application. Your application must include all your personal and professional details accurately and honestly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE (SOP)

Your SoP would give the university a clear idea of your background, your reason for pursuing the programme of your choice in said university, and how it would align with your career goals

MARK TRANSCRIPTS

These are the proof of your educational qualifications, and include the subjects you studied in your previous degree with your grades, credits and the degree awarded to you

CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)

Your CV is a comprehensive timeline of all your academic and professional endeavours – such as your degree(s), certifications, internships, work experience, and more

TEST SCORES

You will be required to submit the scores of a standardised test like Graduate Record Examinations (GRE), Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) and English proficiency tests too

RECOMMENDATION (LORS)

An LoR from your professor, academic supervisor or manager helps your future college or workplace understand your work ethic, skill set, and the qualifications you have

EXPERIENCE CERTIFICATE

Most universities require a few years of work experience, especially for master's admissions. Work experience certificates from the places you worked or interned at would prove it

ESSAYS

A few universities also ask applicants to submit a personal essay along with their SoPs. A personal essay displays your commitment towards studying abroad and gives a good first impression

PASSPORT

It is of the utmost importance that you also have a valid passport with a validity period extending to at least six months after the planned return date to your home country

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

These include your student loan statement, scholarship letter, sponsorship proof and so on. You may also provide your income proof or that of your family

PHOTO ID

Your photo ID is a proof of your identity with your photograph on it. Typically, your PAN Card or Voter ID is accepted as a photo ID. You also need to provide proof of your residence

HEALTH CERTIFICATES

You would need health insurance and vaccination certificates in the country you decide to go to. Your health reports would be necessary for that. As a result, you could benefit from a health checkup

PHOTOGRAPHS

Admissions and visa departments are particular about the size of photographs they need, and the background in the photographs. Your photographs need to meet those requirements

Cracking that perfect SoP

PROFESSOR of Humainities from BITS Hyderabad Dr Vijay Kumar Tadakamalla and education columnist and English Language Professional (ELP) Dr Albert P'Rayan share their insights

PLANNING to study abroad and wondering how to write an effective Statement of Purpose (SoP)? Visiting Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences from Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS) Hyderabad Dr Vijay Kumar Tadakamalla suggests, "Before writing for universities, you should write for yourself. Write something which reflects your personality."

With similar views, education columnist and English Language Professional (ELP) Dr Albert P'Rayan says, "SoP means to sell yourself to the concerned university you are applying to. The key word from SoP is 'purpose', where you must mention the purpose of the statement which is, why you want to join a particular university."

A standard SoP's word limit ranges between 800 to 1,000 words split into five or six paragraphs. Since it is writing about oneself, an active voice is most preferred, however, using passive voice once or twice is doable, advice the experts.

DOS / DON'TS MISTAKES TO AVOID

- In Prof Vijay Kumar's view, SoPs are of two types: open and closed-ended. While closed SoPs are those where universities have a specific format, open-ended SoPs allow students to use their skills
- Talking about dos and don'ts, Prof Vijay has a list of important points. "A basic mistake I find is that many use acronyms which they think everyone is aware of," he says, adding if you are using an acronym, it is important to explain it first
- In his words, students must not boast about themselves or their achievements; shouldn't overplay, copy others' experiences or delve into their difficulties; and they should avoid cliché like 'Ever since my childhood I wanted to do this...'. "The best is to identify the university's strengths and match them with your interests," he stresses.
- Both experts suggest thorough research of the university. Dr P'Rayan asks students to speak to the concerned university faculty or students and mention this in the SoP as well. In Dr P'Rayan's view, SoP should be 'as simple as it is'
- Is outsourcing an SoP a good idea? Experts disagree. "Agencies aren't creative," says Dr P'Rayan. Prof Kumar suggests that students look at various templates to check which one comes close to their core. "Make it objective but reflective of your personality," he adds

word wizard

Regarding the competitive aspects to put forth your uniqueness, Prof Vijay Kumar opines, "An SoP should give an indication of how you fare when compared to others and how different are you"

KEEP IN MIND THESE 4Qs

Simplifying further, Prof Vijay Kumar said, "There are four main components called 4Qs which one should keep in mind while writing an SoP." They are:

1. Who are you?
2. What have you done?
3. What is it that you want to do and why?
4. Where do you want to do it and why?"

8 P's TO HELP YOU OUT

As per Dr P'Rayan, "An SoP should include what type of a person the student is and if they are suitable for the course they are applying for." He advised students to follow 8 P's pattern:

Personal-ness: Written by the student themselves

Purpose: Why the specific course/field/university

Passion: Show aptitude for the academic course you have chosen

Potential: Express potential capacity to pursue the chosen programme. Talk about previous experiences, publications, conferences and the like

Preparedness: Show how prepared you are. How can you sustain in that university to pursue your passion

Planning: Why a particular university and what you have done

Plain English: Simple, clear, easy-to-understand language should be used which has clarity, brevity and no flowery language

Positivity: Be optimistic

Motivation for Masters abroad – hear it from the applicants!

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO STUDY IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY, KNOWING THE MOTIVATIONS OF OTHER APPLICANTS WOULD BE AN ILLUMINATING EXPERIENCE. HERE ARE A FEW SUCH STUDENTS, AND THEIR MOTIVATIONS

Pranjali Dave

I'm planning to apply to some of the top B-Schools in the world, such as SDA Bocconi School of Management in Milano, Italy; IE Business School in Madrid and Esade Business School in Barcelona, Spain; HEC Paris in France, and New York University in the USA. I want to pursue either an MBA or a Creative Direction course, and doing it from any of these institutes would help me attain my goal of becoming a Brand Consultant

Tina Medi

I want to study in Japan, primarily to explore a new culture. When you study in the USA or the UK, the experience is not that different from what you find in India, except that it is more expensive. You will find people from your community and naturally gravitate towards them, which would not prompt you to explore the place's culture. Having done my Bachelor's in Filmmaking, I want to pursue an MBA, specialising in Film & Media

Shehzor

I want to learn Greek and Latin but as I have no UG experience in either, I cannot apply for them. So, I am looking at philosophy. Most programmes in the USA and UK require prior knowledge of Greek and Latin, and those in Europe are not taught in English. As a result, my best bet would be an MPhil from Trinity College in Dublin. My second preference is an MFA in Creative Writing (Poetry) from George Mason University, US

Dev Gupta

It's been my dream to study in the USA. Currently, the number of opportunities in my desired field of study, that is, Finance, is only increasing. Moreover, the cutting-edge research, faculty expertise and professional networks will help me excel in my field. Pursuing my master's abroad is a transformative journey that promises academic excellence, personal development, and a global perspective, all of which are essential for my future

WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED FOR STUDENT VISA APPLICATIONS?

While standardised test results, SoPs, LoRs, and other requirements are commonly accepted across various countries, there are some areas where the requirements differ

USA

1 Health insurance: Many US universities require students to have health insurance coverage
Immunisation Records: Few universities may require proof of vaccinations or immunisations, as being vaccinated is mandatory by US law
SEVIS Fee: Student visa applicants need to pay the SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) fee as a one-time fee in order to get an uninterrupted study visa period

Europe

2 Language proficiency: You may need to prove your proficiency in the language of instruction, which usually is English but could be the country's official language
Residence permit: If you're staying in an EU country for an extended period, you may need a residence permit
Europass-prescribed CV: This is standard across all institutions in the EU

Canada

3 Biometrics: This is a part of the visa application
Medical examination: Students may need to undergo a medical examination as part of the visa application process
French language proficiency: As French is the first official language, a French language certification would give you opportunities for professional growth

UK

4 Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS): A document from your university that you'll need for your student visa application
Biometric Residence Permit (BRP): After arriving in the UK, you'll need to collect your BRP, which acts as your visa
Health surcharge: You may be required to pay a health surcharge as part of your visa application, which entitles you to use the National Health Service (NHS)

Australia

5 Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC): Health insurance is mandatory for international students in the form of OSHC
Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE): You'll need this to prove that you intend to stay temporarily and will return to your home country after completing your studies
Australian Values Statement: A statement you may need to sign to confirm your understanding of the cultural values in Australia

NZ

6 Health and travel insurance: This is required to avail medical treatment
Police Clearance Certificate: Depending on your origin country, you might need to provide this if you are staying for 24 months or more
Medical certificate: A few students may need to undergo a medical examination as part of the visa application process

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DAY'S DIARY

Inclusive Barbie

On this day in 2017, the first hijab-wearing Barbie doll was released by Mattel at the Glamour Women of the Year summit.

INSPIRATION

The doll was modelled on American athlete Ibtihaj Muhammad, who won a bronze medal in fencing at the Rio Olympics in 2016.

LIKENESS

The Barbie designed in her likeness has full fencing gear, including a mask and sabre, wears training shoes and has a hijab around her head.

MAKING HISTORY

Muhammad had earlier created history as the first US woman to wear the Islamic headscarf while competing at the Olympics.

Mouth-watering festive recipes

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RHYTHMS FROM THE HEARTLAND

Vasu Dixit's latest song, *Guru*, which is a collaboration with folk singer Mohan Kumar, take his listeners on a spiritual journey of finding their 'inner guru'

MONIKA MONALISA

IT is unlikely to find anyone who would not have connected with the simplicity in Vasu Dixit's music. He does it again with the song *Guru*. Dixit has sung it along with Mohan Kumar. "It is a folk song from Karnataka which we call Tatwa pada, which has more of a spiritual and philosophical meaning," explains Dixit.

Dixit came across Kumar and this song during his previous project Pada Project, where he was exploring some folk and tribal artists, their lives, their profession and where their music comes from. The first episode of the project was with Kumar. "While I was interviewing him, he had this particular song called *Guru*. I fell in love with it the first time I heard it; it was very touching," recalls Dixit. He further adds, "*Guru* doesn't mean like a physical guru or a teacher. But it is more like a guide, the energy which guides us into doing what is more important. The inner Guru is the buddhi or the intelligence that we all have."

But the song didn't take off for quite some time since Dixit was busy with his other projects and he also took a break from work due to a ligament injury. "Last June, I had knee ligament surgery. I took a break and that is when I remembered the song and wanted to learn it. So I asked Mohan to send me the lyrics. He sent me a recording also," says Dixit.

Dixit initially added his elements to it, but found something missing. "I really liked my version but then I felt it should have Mohan's voice because that's where the true essence of the song comes from. He and I recorded it again," says Dixit adding, the other artists he collaborated for the song are Joel Sakkari, Manu Shrivastava and Hriday Goswami.

The song was ready just in time for Kannada Rajyotsava. "This whole month is celebrated as the state festival. I didn't plan it that way but just that the song was ready. Also, Karnataka Rajyotsava songs do not have to be only celebrating the language of the land. It is also equally meant to speak about the art and culture that this land stands for," affirms Dixit.

Even if the team got the song right it was equally important to convey the same message in the video too. "I wanted to build a story in the video which kind of depicts this innocence of surrendering to your guru or the guide. So I tried to portray it through children's innocence who drew an image on stone and considered it as their guru. It's a simple message of showing that God for each and every person means something different and it should be respected," says Dixit, adding that the video was shot in a quaint village in Tumkuru district.

> *It is a folk song from Karnataka which we call Tatwa pada, which has more of a spiritual and philosophical meaning*
>
> Vasu Dixit, musician

(From the left) Pavan Bhat, Mohan Kumar, Vasu Dixit, Joel Sakkari

Blue Wave

M Chinnaswamy Stadium was abuzz with infectious energy on Sunday, as fans filled up to watch the much-awaited India vs Netherlands match. Being the first match of the Indian team in the city, the occasion was particularly special for Bengalureans. Fans turned up in full strength to support their favourite team. Actor Anushka Sharma, who is soon-to-be-second-time-mom, cheered for her husband Virat Kohli as he scored a half-century.

PICS: SHASHIDAR BYRAPPA AND ALLEN EGENUSE J

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THE RIGHT ANSWERS

1) Milk 2) Bacteria and Yeast 3)Honey

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Rajesh
2) Sudhindra Sripadarao
3)Prathap VP

CITY READ

Bangalore University announces extension for admissions

Bangalore University has announced an extension to the last date for submission of applications for admissions to PG courses at its Jnanabharathi campus, PG centre at Ramanagara and its affiliated colleges. The date has been extended to November 15, 2023 with a penal fee of ₹200, for the academic year 2023-24. Furthermore, the counselling for admission to Bachelors in Physical Education and MA in Social Work will be held on November 16 and 17. For further details, visit uucms.karnataka.gov.in

Women entrepreneurs' networking NPO hosts convention

On the occasion of International Women's Entrepreneurship Day, Ubuntu, a consortium of the Women Entrepreneurs Association, is hosting a convention on November 18 at Hotel Radisson Blu, Palace Road. Discussions about global business opportunities, onboarding women entrepreneur products to open networks to digital commerce, business opportunities from public sector undertakings for women entrepreneurs, and getting institutional support will be conducted. The Chief guest for the event will be Chief Minister of Karnataka Siddaramaiah, "who has been very supportive of women entrepreneurs," as per Ratna Prabha, founder of Ubuntu, and former Chief Secretary of govt of Karnataka. The guest of honour will be the Minister for Industries and Commerce, MB Patil. At the valedictory function, The Governor of Karnataka, Thawar Chand Gehlot will present awards to women entrepreneurs and deliver the valedictory address.

A joint celebration of Kannada Rajyotsava and Children's Day, held on Sunday, saw B'lureans from all walks of life taking part in various competitions

Culturally United

SANJANA JAYASHANKAR

For the past 13 years, on every second Sunday of November, the Cubbon Park Walkers Association has been hosting a joint celebration of Karnataka Rajyotsava and Children's Day through a series of competitions. An estimated crowd of 1,500 people attended and participated in the Sunday celebration featuring competitions in rangoli making, drawing, and fancy dress.

Recalling the turnout of more than 700 attendees from last year's festival, Umesh Kumar, an advocate, environmentalist and president of the Cubbon Park Walkers Association, said, "I never expected this much of a crowd to participate this time. 250 people registered for rangoli, and now 360 people have participated. 80 people had registered for drawing but 120 people have participated. For fancy dress, 180 people have participated."

Watching people from all walks of life from the city, including people of foreign descent, create elaborate rangolis signifying various cultural practices like writings in Kannada, Yakshagana drawings, and maps of the state was an overwhelming moment for Kumar. With the depleting amount of manual rangoli making since the advent of rangoli stickers and stencils, this event provided Bengalureans with an avenue to explore the art form.

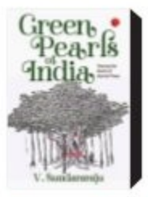
Despite it being a busy Deepavali weekend, attendees claimed their joy in spending the festival in the vicinity of Cubbon Park as people below 17 years drew nature-themed drawings, while adults made rangolis using flowers and seeds, colours and chukki rangoli. Silver coins were awarded to the top 3 winners for rangoli making. Special mementos were awarded to the winners of drawing and fancy dress competitions, as well as people who sang Kannada classics as part of the cultural programmes.

Meanwhile, the fancy dress competition featured children from ages 1-15 years dressed up in attires from different regions of Karnataka, and other costumes.

Dr Arathi Krishna, Deputy Chairman, NRI Forum, Govt of Karnataka, who judged the fancy dress competition said, "Kannada Rajyotsava is not only about promoting our culture but also making our language more widespread. With events like these, we are encouraging them to practice our culture and traditions of Karnataka."

PICS: NAGARAJA GADEKAL

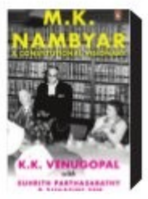
BOOK NOOK



Green Pearls of India

By V Sundararaju

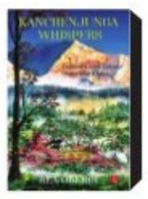
V Sundararaju captures the essence and beauty of 27 sacred trees and vividly describes their religious, social, economic, ecological, cultural and medicinal values and explores the stories and legends associated with them.



MK Nambyar

By KK Venugopal

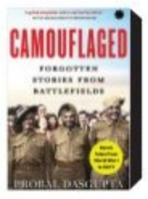
This book attempts to preserve the life of one of India's greatest constitutional lawyers, MK Nambyar. Written by his son, KK Venugopal, this biography recapitulates Indian legal history before Independence. The book includes landmark cases Mr Nambyar fought in his legal career.



Kanchenjunga Whispers

By Rea Oberoi

In this book, Rea weaves a narrative full of forest shamans, bodhisattvas, hidden tribes, gods and goddesses and travels to the valley of flowers, the ruins of an ancient kingdom, sacred forests, magical caverns and mythical monasteries.



Camouflaged

By Probal DasGupta

Camouflageda captures the forgotten and lost stories from the battlefield or unrecorded by history. Spanning over a century – from the ravaged terrains of Italy and France during the World Wars to the icy summits of India's borderlands and to Indian cities gripped by terror attacks – this book presents hidden stories from India's military past.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

Coaster Crafts

Discover the joy of canvas painting in this beginner-friendly workshop. Unleash your creativity on high-quality wooden coasters, crafting unique art to cherish forever.

WHEN: Nov 13, 5pm
WHERE: Art Beat, HSR Layout
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

DJ Groove

Embark on an amazing night as DJ Kevin takes the deck with a mix of Bollywood, Punjabi, and commercial tracks. Dance the night away to some of your favourite tunes.

WHEN: Nov 13, 7pm
WHERE: Tipsy Bull, Koramangala
DETAILS: highape.com

Night Laughs

Enjoy a late-night comedy extravaganza featuring Harman Preet Singh, Gaurav Purohit, and Neelaksh Mathur. Join us for an evening of laughter and soak in the delightful ambiance.

WHEN: Nov 13, 8.30pm
WHERE: YUCK Comedy Club, Indiranagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

COMEDY HOUR

Watch some of Bengaluru's best comedians for a night full of witty one-liners, hilarious anecdotes and effortless laughs. **WHEN:** Nov 14, 8.30pm **WHERE:** Bohemians, Indiranagar **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Persian Delights

Get a taste of an exquisite menu of Persian and Indian flavours, offering kebabs, biryani, grilled starters and more. **WHEN:** Nov 13, 12pm **WHERE:** SheeshKebab Xpress, St Mark's Road **CALL:** 9845056700

Mystery Night

Unravel mysteries and have an immersive experience as you race against the clock and seek out clues and solve puzzles to escape the theme-based room. **WHEN:** Nov 13, 5pm **WHERE:** Mystery Rooms, Indiranagar **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

DRAMA TIME

Immerse yourself in the compelling drama, *Dweepa*, a Kannada adaptation of the apartheid-era drama *The Island*, written by Athol Fugard, John Kani, and Winston Ntshona. **WHEN:** Nov 13, 7pm **WHERE:** Bangalore International Centre, Domlur **DETAILS:** bangaloreinternationalcentre.org

SOULFUL CANVAS

Artist Vidhu Pillai explains his paintings to visitors, during a solo art exhibition at the Sublime Galleria in UB City on Saturday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

QUICK FIX

BERRIES SMOOTHIE BOWL

Contributed by **Maria Jose,** Muvattupuzha

INGREDIENTS

- **Frozen mixed berries:** 1 cup
- **Banana:** 1 (sliced and frozen)
- **Protein powder:** 1 scoop
- **Coconut (desiccated):** 1 tbsp
- **Milk:** 2-3 tbsp (coconut or almond milk also fine)
- **Chia seeds:** 1 tbsp
- **Granola:** As you need
- **Hemp seeds:** 1 tbsp

METHOD

- Blend frozen berries and bananas in a mixer on low until small bits remain.
- Add a bit of milk and protein powder.
- Blend again on low until the mix reaches a soft consistency.
- Scoop into bowls and add toppings like chia seeds, hemp seeds, coconut, fruits, granola, nuts etc.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

SAMAKONASANA - FOREARMS TO FLOOR

(EQUAL ANGLE POSE FOREARMS TO FLOOR)

In Sanskrit, sama means 'straight,' kona, means 'angle' and asana means 'pose.' It is an advanced seated asana that requires considerable flexibility in the hips, groin and legs. The term is derived from the pose is a full split with the legs fully spread to the sides and the forearms placed in front of you. Traditionally, it stimulates both the Muladhara (root) and Anahata (heart) chakras. It improves blood circulation to the abdomen and reproductive organs, stretches and straightens the spine while improving posture.

STEPS

- First, sit on the ground in a Dandasana (Staff Pose) or stretch the legs to your front.
- Next, stretch the legs sideways very slowly so that both the legs form a straight line.
- Ensure the heels of both the legs on the floor and toes facing the sky.
- Now, bring your hands together in front of you parallel to the floor.
  After that you can bend forward your body, placing the elbows on the floor in front of you, palms facing the ground.
- Make sure your head, neck and spine are in a straight line with a forward bend.
- Now you can gaze in front of you at any point.
- Now, maintain this position for a few seconds while you're breathing.
- In this position, you should retain forward bend of your upper body from the hips straight during the practice, and breathe normally.
- Release the pose slowly and come to sit in Dandasana, stretching the legs out completely and relaxing.

BENEFITS

- It is a deep hip-opening yoga that activates and stimulates the first three chakras, and mainly the Muladhara (Root) Chakra. Also, it provides inner stability and strength needed for personal growth.
- The heart chakra is the center of love and compassion which promotes forgiveness and acceptance of both others and self.
- This not only helps to make your back strong but also helps to get rid of the back pain.
- People who are suffering excessive neck pain must practice this asana daily to get immediate relief.
- Stretches and strengthens the inner thighs, upper thighs, hips and pelvic floor muscles.
- Helps to release and reduce tensions.
- It makes a stronger body that encourages self-confidence and teaches self-control.

LIMITATIONS

At least four to six hours of gap is a must between meal and practice

Avoid if you have shoulder or back injuries

If you have any leg problem, it should not be practiced

Pregnant ladies should avoid this

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

PACHUVUM ATHBUTHA VILAKKUM (Malayalam)

Pachu,a middle-class Malayali who runs an Ayurveda pharmacy in Mumbai, travels to Kerala for an errand. The incidents that follow puts him in a spot where he is persuaded to accompany an old lady on his return journey to Mumbai. What follows completely changes the course of Pachu's life.

Cast: Fahadh Faasil, Anjana Jayaprakash, Dhwani Rajesh, Viji Venkatesh

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

KASARGOLD (Malayalam)

A car crash leaves two gold smugglers without their valuable cargo. But getting it back means chasing the thief deep into Kerala's chaotic underworld.

Cast: Asif Ali, Sunny Wayne, Vinayakan

- **Watch on:** Netflix

KARM YUDDH (Hindi)

A deadly fire accident brings Bhisham Roy under the scanner, leading to a power grab within the family. This is a story about power battles within a rich Bengali family and how blood turns against blood with a lack of emotions.

Cast: Satish Kaushik, Paoli Dam, Ashutosh Rana

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

MAAMA MASCHINDRA (Telugu)

The story narrates the transformation of Parasuram to face his fears and inhibitions despite of the hardships faced as a child.

Cast: Sudheer Babu, Eesha Rebba, Mirnalini Ravi, Harsha Vardhan, Ali Reza

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

ARE YOU OK BABY? (Tamil)

A heart-wrenching tale of adoption unfolds, pitting adoptive parents against the biological mother. Media intervention escalates the issue to legal consequences and emotional turmoil, leading to a courtroom drama.

Cast: Samuthirakani, Abhirami, Lakshmy Ramakrishnan

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

DUGDUGI (Bengali)

Abanish lives a humdrum life with complicated personal equations and banal professional problems. His ordinary life takes an extraordinary turn when his wife suddenly goes missing, resulting in utter chaos that doesn't seem to end.

Cast: Anirban Chakrabarti, Biswanath Basu, Shreya Bhattacharya, Rayati Bhattacharya

- **Watch on:** Hoichoi

SCAM 2003: THE TELGI STORY VOL 2

Abdul Karim Telgi was the man behind the stamp paper scam. The first volume was about his rise, the second volume is about his fall. Corrupt lawyers, cops, and politicians all willing to look the other way.

Cast: Gagan Dev Riar, Mukesh Tiwari, and Irawati Harshe

- **Watch on:** SonyLiv

FOREIGN

PAIN HUSTLERS (English)

Hired to work for a bankrupt pharmaceutical company, Liza Drake, a single mother skyrockets with sales and into the high life. After the company's success, she finds herself at the centre of a federal criminal conspiracy. Is she actually guilty?

Cast: Emily Blunt, Chris Evans, Catherine O'Hara, Andy García

- **Watch on:** Netflix

DOONA! (Korean, series)

Everything changes in the life of Lee Doo Na, a successful singer after she abruptly announces her decision to quit music. Though Lee faces the difficult aftermath of her choice, she will soon be meeting the love of her life.

Cast: Bae Suzy, Yang Se-Jong, Lee Yoo Bi

- **Watch on:** Netflix

AWARENESS (Spanish)

In this sci-fi thriller, a rebellious teen, with an ability to generate visual illusions, manipulates the mind. When one of his cons goes awry, he becomes the target of two rival organisations, who want to exploit his powers.

Cast: Carlos Scholz, Pedro Alonso, María Pedraza, Óscar Jaenada

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

EVERYBODY LOVES DIAMONDS (Italian, series)

Inspired by the true events, the series follows Leonardo Notarbartolo and his gang of thieves, who attempt to pull off the heist of the century. They manage to fool top security officials with a plan to steal millions of dollars worth of gems from Antwerp's diamond centre.

Cast: Kim Rossi Stuart, Anna Foglietta, Rupert Everett

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

SUBSCRIPTION	
Netflix:	₹199/month
Prime Video:	₹299/month
Jio Cinema:	₹999/year
Disney+ Hotstar:	₹899/year
Dollywood Play	Free
Viki Ratuken:	₹299/month
Curiosity Stream:	₹415/month
SonyLIV:	₹299/month

DEEPAVALI DHAMAKA!

Deepavali is a special time of the year that brings people closer. Though the festival is all about happiness, lights, colourful rangoli and bringing positivity, it is incomplete without food. During the festival, the aroma of mithai, ghee, and spice fills up one's house. This year, why not don the chef's hat and liven up the festive spirit by making some delectable snacks and sweet treats that can be paired with a simple meal or a regal feast. *CE* lists some of the best recipes that would help one kickstart the Deepavali sweet and savoury journey.

Compiled by Aishwarya Prabhakaran, Archita Raghu and Sonu M Kothari

ATTE KA HALWA

by Dassana Amit

INGREDIENTS

- **Atta (whole wheat flour):** 1 cup
- **Ghee (clarified butter):** ½ cup
- **Sugar or Jaggery powder:** 1 cup
- **Water:** 2 cups
- **Whole cashews or almonds of your choice:** 1 tbsp

METHOD OF PREPARATION

Heat the ghee in a heavy-bottomed kadai or pan. Add whole wheat flour to the hot ghee and start roasting it. Meanwhile, put sugar and water in another pan. Keep it on medium to high flame and let the solution come to a boil. Fry the atta by stirring continuously till its colour changes. Keep stirring the flour to ensure even browning. When the sugar solution mixture starts to boil, lower the flame and let it simmer. Increase the flame to high for the sugar solution to bubble. Once it does, pour it into the hot atta mixture. Continue to stir to ensure no lumps are formed. Atte ka halwa will absorb water and continue to thicken quickly. When wheat halwa is semi-thick or thick like a sooji halwa, switch off the flame. Serve atte ka halwa hot or warm.

GHUGARA

by Sushma Lalith Lodaya

INGREDIENTS

FOR STUFFING

- **Ghee:** 5 tbsp
- **Cashew:** 2 tbsp
- **Almond:** 2 tbsp
- **Pistachio:** 2 tbsp
- **Fine Rava:** ½ cup
- **Coconut:** ½ desiccated
- **Sugar:** ½ cup
- **Cardamom powder:** ½ tsp

For outer layer

- **Maida All-Purpose Flour:** 2 Cups
- **Pinch of salt**
- **Melted ghee clarified butter:** 4 Tbsp
- **Water:** ½ cup
- **Oil for deep frying**

FOR OUTER LAYER

In a bowl, mix maida, a pinch of salt, and melted ghee. Add water gradually and knead a tight and smooth dough. Cover it and allow it to rest for 15 minutes.

PREPARING GHUGARA

Knead the dough for about 1 minute. Cut small portions and roll them into puri-like shapes. Using a small lid, cut it into a round shape. Place about 1tsp of stuffing in the middle. Now with some water, line the edges of the puri and cover the mixture by joining one side with the other. Now take the ghugara in your hand and lightly press the edges between your fingers & make pleats to give the ghugara design. You can also make designs on ghugara using a fork. Once the oil is hot, reduce the flame to low and fry 9-10 ghugara till they turn golden brown.

MAKING THE STUFFING

Roast dry fruits in ghee. When cool, crush them and add to the mixing bowl. Then in the same pan, add sooji and cook for about 5-6 min on low heat. Add roasted sooji into the mixing bowl.

Roast desiccated coconut for a minute. Add into a mixing bowl, then mix sugar and cardamom powder to it.

PAPDI

by Anitha

INGREDIENTS

- **Refined wheat flour:** 1 cup
- **Wheat flour:** 1 cup
- **Gram flour:** 1 cup
- **Oil:** 2 tbsp
- **Carom seeds:** 1 tsp
- **Red chilli powder:** 1.5 tsp
- **Turmeric powder:** 1/2 tsp
- **Salt to taste**

METHOD

Mix the ingredients and knead well. Cover the dough with a cloth and let it rest for 15 minutes. Now, cut the dough into small parts and flatten them with a rolling pin. Deep fry in hot oil. Store in an air-tight container.

DRY FRUIT VARO

by Varsha Panjabi

INGREDIENTS

- **Mixed nuts - almonds, cashews, pistachio:** 3/4 cup
- **Sugar:** 1/2 cup
- **Ghee:** 1 tsp
- **Cardamom powder:** a pinch
- **Poppy seeds:** 1 tbsp

METHOD

Dry roast the nuts in a heavy bottom pan for two minutes. Keep it aside. In a heavy bottom pan, add ghee and poppy seeds, and let it cook. Add sugar to the mix, and let it cook on low flame. Keep stirring on a medium flame till sugar gets caramelised. Add cardamom powder to it along with nuts and turn off the heat. Pour the mixture on a greased plate/baking sheet or a chapati maker and roll with a rolling pin to even it. While it is still warm, cut into desired-size incisions and let it cool. Break into pieces once it cools off or serve it as discs. Store brittle in a tight container.

SONDHESH

by Aarti Das

INGREDIENTS

- **Whole milk:** 1 litre
- **Lemon juice or vinegar:** 1 to 1.5 tablespoons (or add as required)
- **Palm jaggery:** 2 tablespoons (or 2 tablespoons sugar)
- **Sugar:** 3 tablespoons (or as required)
- **4 to 5 pistachios or 4 to 5 almonds, sliced or 10 to 12 golden raisins**

MAKING CHHENA

Keep the milk to boil. Line a deep bowl or pan with a muslin or thin cotton napkin. When the milk begins to boil, lower the heat. Add lemon juice and stir. Switch off the flame when the milk curdles. Pour the entire content into the lined muslin. Take the four corners of the muslin in your hands and join together. The chhena or paneer would get formed in the muslin. So gather all the curdled paneer together in the muslin and squeeze the whey. Rinse the content in the muslin in running water very lightly to remove the sourness of the lemon juice or vinegar from. Place a weight like a stone bowl or a stone pestle on the muslin for 25 to 30 minutes.

MAKING SONDHESH

Take the chhena on a plate or a tray. Knead it till the mixture becomes smooth and less granular. Add jaggery and sugar and knead for 2 to 3 minutes again. Instead of kneading, you can also blend this mixture in a small blender or mixer-grinder. The jaggery and sugar will melt and release moisture in the mixture. Add this mixture to a thick-bottomed nonstick pan. With continuous stirring, cook on low heat for a total time of 8 to 9 minutes. First, the sondhesh mixture will have a smooth and molten consistency. Slowly the moisture would begin to dry up and the sondhesh mixture would start coming together. (Remember the sondhesh mixture should be moist and not dry. Also, no oil or fat should be released from the mixture). Let the sondhesh mixture cool and knead it to get a smooth consistency. Shape into round flattened balls or a peda. With a toothpick or fork, you can even make designs on the sondhesh. Press some pistachio or almond slices or raisins in the centre. Serve the sondhesh immediately or refrigerate and then serve.

THOLLATLO

by Vanisri Deena Bandhu

INGREDIENTS

- **Rice flour:** 50 g
- **Jeera water:** 150 ml
- **Sugar:** 5-6 tbsp

METHOD

Prepare jeera water by boiling cumin seeds in water. After boiling the water add sugar to it. Mix until the water boils to the consistency of a sugar syrup. Pour the rice flour into the liquid. Mix well and add water to adjust the consistency. Make round balls of the mixture and serve.

NUGGETS

Artisanal ice cream brand offering free waffle cones for Deepavali

As a part of Deepavali celebrations, Naturals Ice Cream is offering a free waffle cone with every single or double scoop of their artisanal ice cream purchased at any of their outlets nationwide. Just like their artisanal ice creams, These waffle cones offer the ideal balance between sweet and crunchy. Naturals is famous for its ice cream flavours like creamy Malai, Mango, Tender Coconut and Sitaphal, Available till Nov 15, across all Naturals Ice Cream outlets.

Vegan cafe introduces eco-friendly delectable

The Kind Roastery and Brew Room, a vegetarian and vegan establishment in Bengaluru, is serving Deepavali delights in hampers, to celebrate the festival of lights. Select four treats from an array of vegetarian and vegan options for your hampers: brown butter giant cookie, vanilla coffee ganache cake, cherry compote vanilla cake, simple chocolate cake and guilty pineapple upside-down cake. Another addition to the Deepavali gift hampers are the brown butter and chocochip cookies. For more details, contact 088618 52547.

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CHANGE OF NAME

AFFIDAVIT
I, **G.R. NAGARAJAIAH SETTY,** aged about 70 years, S/o G. Ramasubbaiah Setty, R/of Gownipalli, Kolar District-563161, do hereby declare that my correct name is **G.R. NAGARAJAIAH SETTY**, but in my SHCIL share Documents my name is mentioned as **G.R. NAGARAJA SETTY** instead of **G.R. NAGARAJAIAH SETTY,** and my village name is wrongly mentioned as **GOWNIPALYA** instead of **GOWNIPALLI,** vide affidavit dated 16-10-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **V. SRINIVASA REDDY** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Kavitha Kamarthy, w/o Mr Naveen Chandra aged about 53 years residing at 1187, Silver Shadow Drive, San Jose - 95120, United States of America and currently at 871, 38th Cross, Jayanagar 4th T Block, Bangalore, solemnly declare that **Kavitha Kamarthy** and **Kavitha Channa Veerappa Kamarthy** are my names and one and the same vide affidavit dated 5/8/2023 sworn before Notary Vani G K, Basavanagudi, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHALISH KUMAR.V** S/o **Vasudevan K.**, R/at No.24, 1st Floor, 2nd Main, 7th Cross, Guspel Street, St.Chories School, Devis Road, St Thomas Town Post, Bangalore- 560084, have changed my name to **SHAILESH KUMAR.V** vide affidavit dated: 11/11/2023 Before Notary **H.G.Padmanabha Rao** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HARSHA GOSWAMI,** D/o O.N. Goswami, R/at No. 394/5, 9th Main, Viveknagar Layout, Viveknagar, Bengaluru-560047, have changed my name to **HARSHA SAGAR SARASWATHI,** vide affidavit dated 09-11-2023, before Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KARTHICK.S,** Aged about 38 years, S/o Shivanna. C, residing at: No: 3067, Flat No. 202, 1st 'A' Main Road, 2nd Cross, VBHCS Layout, Near Surya Galaxy Hospital, 4th Phase, Girinagar, Bangalore-560085, here by declare that my name changed from "KARTHICK.S" (Old Name) to **KARTHIKK.S** (New Name) Vide affidavit dated **11.11.2023** sworn to before me **MEENAKSHI.K.,** at Bangalore. Henceforth, I shall be known as **KARTHIKK S** for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) AMEER BAIG PEER BAIG, residing at No. 1168, Masidi Street Fort, Channapatna-562160, Ramanagara District, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) AMEER BAIG** vide affidavit Dated 10/11/2023 sworn before Notary A.R.Nagendra, Channapatna.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **K K Nanjappa,** S/o. K K Kariappa and Charitha Changappa Karthachira, D/o. K K Changappa, R/o. B-12, Gagan Jyothi Apartments, Manjunath Layout, Dasappa Garden, Bengaluru North, R T Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 032, Karnataka, do hereby declare that we have changed our minor son's name from **Jashvin Belliappa K N** to **K N Beliappaa** for all purposes in future. Vide affidavit dated 15.09.2023 sworn to before K. Ramegowda, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Bhavana Kothari (Bhavana S Kothari)** W/o Sri. Sagar G Nahar, aged about 32 years, R/at No.1/3, Arjun Sagar Residency, Flat No.T-2, 3rd Floor, 13th Cross, West of S.Kariappa Road, Jayanagar 7th Block, Bangalore 560070, have changed my name from **Bhavana Kothari (Bhavana S Kothari)** to **Bhavana Nahar** vide an Affidavit dated 10/11/2023 duly sworn before the Notary, **Mrs.Mamatha.N.K** – Reg.No.10201, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **B.S.Shivanagesha** S/o **B.S.Shivanna,** R/at at No.2, Sri Shiva Nakareshwara Nilaya, 3rd Main, 1st Cross, Kuppareddy Lake Road, Thataguni, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore-560082, have changed my name to **B.S.Shivanagesh** vide affidavit dated: 11/11/2023 Before Notary **H.G.Padmanabha Rao** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Sangeetha Adappa Adappanavar**, Residing at Flat no : 102, Property No 1165/A, 11th main road ,v five swimming pool, Hampinagar, Bangalore -560104 have changed my name to **Sangeeta Virupaxi Vantagitti** vide affidavit dated :9/11/2023 sworn before notary H.S.Sakalesh, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BINDU KUMARI PILLAI,** D/o Gopala Krishna Pillai, R/of No. 65, 6th Cross, 1st Main, Indira Gandhi Street, Near Madonna School Ground, Udayanagar, Doorvaninagar Post, Bengaluru-560016, Karnataka, India, have changed my name from **BINDU KUMARI PILLAI** to **BINDU KUMARI PUTHENVEETTIL RAJAMMA,** before Notary Public **MUNEER AHMED** dated 11-11-2023.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) ARIFF KHAN, residing at No. 13, 2nd Cross, T.K.Road, Kalanagara, Channapatna-562160, Ramanagara District, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) ARIF KHAN** vide affidavit Dated 09/11/2023 sworn before Notary A.R.Nagendra, Channapatna.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NIRMAL MOHAN DAS**, aged about 38 years, s/o Mohan Das, R/a House NO-251, 1st Floor, 12- B main, Classic Paradise Layout, Begur Road, Bangalore-560068, have changed my name from **NIRMAL DAS MOHAN DAS** to **NIRMAL MOHAN DAS**, vide affidavit dated 8/11/2023 sworn to before B.M.Chandrashekar advocate and notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **K K Nanjappa,** S/o. K K Kariappa and Charitha Changappa Karthachira, D/o. K K Changappa, R/o. B-12, Gagan Jyothi Apartments, Manjunath Layout, Dasappa Garden, Bengaluru North, R T Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 032, Karnataka, do hereby declare that we have changed our minor son's name from **Tanush Thammaiah K N** to **K N Thammaiah** for all purposes in future. Vide affidavit dated 15.09.2023 sworn to before K. Ramegowda, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **FARZANA,** (Date of Birth: 25-10-1976) aged about 47 years, W/o Mr. Fairoz Ahmed, Residing at No.34, C K Garden, Priyanka Medical Lane, Wheeler Road Extension, St. Thomas Town Post, Bangalore-560 084 have changed my name to **FARZANA FAIROZ AHMED** Vide Affidavit dated 10.11.2023 sworn before advocate and notary Sivakumara M.N, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MUNIRAJU .N**, S/o. Narayanaswamy .N, Aged about 45 years, R/at No. 309A, Visu Green Castle, 3rd Floor, Chinnamma Layout, Cholanayakana-halli, Hebbala, R.T. Nagar Post, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru - 560 032 (Near Vidyanjali School), do hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from **KEERTHAN MUNIRAJ** to **KISHAN TEJ .M** vide affidavit dated 10.11.2023 sworn to before P.N. Nagesha, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SYED FIDDARAIN QHADRI,** Resident of # 33, E No. 11th Street, Broadway Road, Near Kambal Posh Dargah, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-560 051, KARNATAKA, INDIA, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SYED FIDDARIAN QHADRI** to **SYED FIDDARAIN QHADRI** vide affidavit dated 09.11.2023 sworn to before M. Rajendra, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

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'A FAN THANKED ME FOR BECOMING AN ACTOR AND IT LEFT ME SPEECHLESS'

A SHARADHAA

Actor Rukmini Vasanth, who is receiving praise for her role in Side A of Sapta Sagaradaache Ello, discusses what to expect in Side B. She also shares insights about her co-star Rakshit Shetty and director Hemanth M Rao.

RUKMINI Vasanth has become the talk of the town, following her performance in Side A of Saptasagardaache Ello. After the critical and commercial success of the film, expectations have grown monumentally for Side B, which is currently slated to release on November 17.

Overwhelmed by the audience response, Rukmini shares, "I've been receiving a lot of positive responses and messages, both at theatres and on my social media platforms. One incredible and nuanced response that moved me was when somebody thanked me for becoming an actor, and it left me speechless. To have an audience thank you for just playing a character is breathtaking.

Starring Rakshit Shetty in the lead, and directed by Hemanth M Rao, the film also stars Chaithra B Achar. Reflecting on her character in the film, Rukmini recounts the emotional journey. Asked about the future of Manu and Priya's love, she teases, "Come and watch Side B, and sure you will see the emotional connect and a lot of drama." Addressing whether the 'One letter' changed Priya's perspective on love, Rukmini acknowledges the audience's concern, stating, "This is the grouse the audience has, and I want to address it. Director Hemanth and I have had intense discussions about the love between Manu and Priya, the trauma of distance, and the crucial scenes in the film. Priya sacrifices her studies and changes her lifestyle for Manu. In my opinion, and as per Hemanth's direction, the tough part for Priya is when Manu doesn't turn up, suddenly crushing her world. She becomes suicidal, giving up on the relationship because he has given up, and she doesn't know what he's up to. I think this part in the cinema is well justified."

Discussing Priya's character dynamics, Rukmini praises the characters created by the writer and director. She particularly highlights her rapport with Pavithra Lokesh, who plays Priya's mother. Calling herself a warm-up actor, she credits exceptional artists like Pavithra Lokesh for making her job easier.

The release of Side B has introduced Rukmini Vasanth to other industries, and the film's multilingual release has expanded its reach. Rukmini emphasises, "You don't have to intend for all films to be Pan -Indian, but the content reaches far with audiences from different languages. Sapta.. is an experiential film. Even though the plot may not be relatable, the emotions are. People have watched Side A on OTT, and I hope they watch Side B in theaters."

While Rukmini believes that only director Hemanth can do justice to a story like Sapta *Sagaradaache Ello*, she firmly states that no other actor but Rakshit Shetty could fit the role. He has poured his heart and soul into this film, serving as both actor and producer.

Meanwhile, the actor is busy shooting for her Tamil debut with Vijay Sethupathi. She also has "Bhairathi Ranagal" with Shivarajakumar in the pipeline. Rukmini is also in discussions with a few more directors, which will be officially announced once she signs on the dotted line. Is it luck or gut instinct for Rukmini in her choice of roles? "Luck plays a significant role. I did think that the pandemic brought in bad luck to me. But it was during that time I got the chance to be a part of 'Sapta.' You cannot sit around and wait for work to come to you. When I got an opportunity to work with Shivarajkumar in the 'Bairathi Ranagal' prequel, directed by Narthan, I just said, 'Tell me where to sign' because I knew I was working with a legend," she signs off.

Rukmini Vasanth

Big cat with blunt fangs

KARTIK BHARDWAJ

TIGER 3
Director: Maneesh Sharma
Starring: Salman Khan, Katrina Kaif, Emraan Hashmi, Revathi, Kumud Mishra

THE third installment of the Tiger franchise follows the events of Ek Tha Tiger (2012), Tiger Zinda Hain (2017), War (2019) and Pathaan (2023). It's tritely titled Tiger 3 but who can you blame? Clearly, Tiger Thak Chuka Hain (Tiger is tired), and he still has to gallop, swing and jump in a world produced at the assembly line of the YRF Spy Universe. Double emphatic, but it is a banal bore.

Remember Gopi? Tiger's handler from the first film, played by Ranveer Shorey, is caught in a place, "from where no agent came back alive," warns new R&AW chief Maithili Menon (Revathi). Of course, there is only one person capable of doing the job. Sometimes I think how come other operatives aren't envious of Tiger? He gets all the top missions and his work from home hasn't ended even after Covid.

After a derivative dirt bike chase atop ashy terraces of some Middle Eastern hamlet, Tiger saves the man who once fatally shot him. Gopi, conveniently, succumbs to his injuries but not before giving a vital piece of intelligence to Tiger. An ISI agent is working with a rising militant faction in Pakistan to topple the regime of the current, mediative PM. No surprises. It is Tiger's wife Zoya (Katrina Kaif). What follows is a Mr. and Mrs. Smith-ian battle of kicks between hubby and wifey. All is resolved (rather quickly) once it is revealed that Zoya has been doing it all on the behest of her mentor Aatish Rehman (Emraan Hashmi), a dishonourably-discharged former ISI deputy head. Back in 2011, leading up to a peace talk, Tiger had shot ISI agent Shaheen (Ridhi Dogra) in the head, while trying to save the Pakistani Army chief. She was Aatish's wife. It's not just personnel, but personal now.

What's a spy film without its villain? Emraan Hashmi, sporting a grey beard and in black overalls, is charmingly formidable. But the screenplay doesn't make use of his acting prowess. For most of his screen-time, he apparates from the darkness in dingy basements that double-up as holding cells. "Welcome to the world of shadows," he tells a young Zoya while recruiting her. But if there was any chance of character development, it evaporates once the sun shines. He becomes repetitive in being calmly menacing. The chaste Urdu he spurts, like any self-respecting Muslim villain, also loses steam.

RATING 2/5

The action too didn't have enough propulsion to begin with. You never really feel afraid for Tiger or Zoya or his kid (who, six years since the last film, is still named Junior). Once Tiger starts a mission, you already know it is going to be accomplished, no matter how many gunners, bazooka-wielders or choppers turn up. It's exhilarating to see an infallible hero for whom jumping off a bike onto a helicopter is as casual as going down a playground slide. One action sequence could have merged into another and nobody would have blinked an eye. Although, the viewer does wake up when a certain superstar arrives, swaying his lovely locks. But more flesh was needed to liven up this paper tiger.

The central plotline of Tiger 3 has the metatext of the Congress-era Aman Ki Aasha sentimentality. There are tired themes of Pakistan being bad but not Pakistanis, of choosing democracy over dictatorship. Noble thoughts, served without novelty. It seems like the makers have casually assembled a bunch of run-of-the-mill spy film set-pieces and tried to balance it on simplistic politics. It's all too easy. R&AW chief Maithili even spells it out when she assigns a mission to Tiger. It's called 'timepass'.

Kabir Rafi

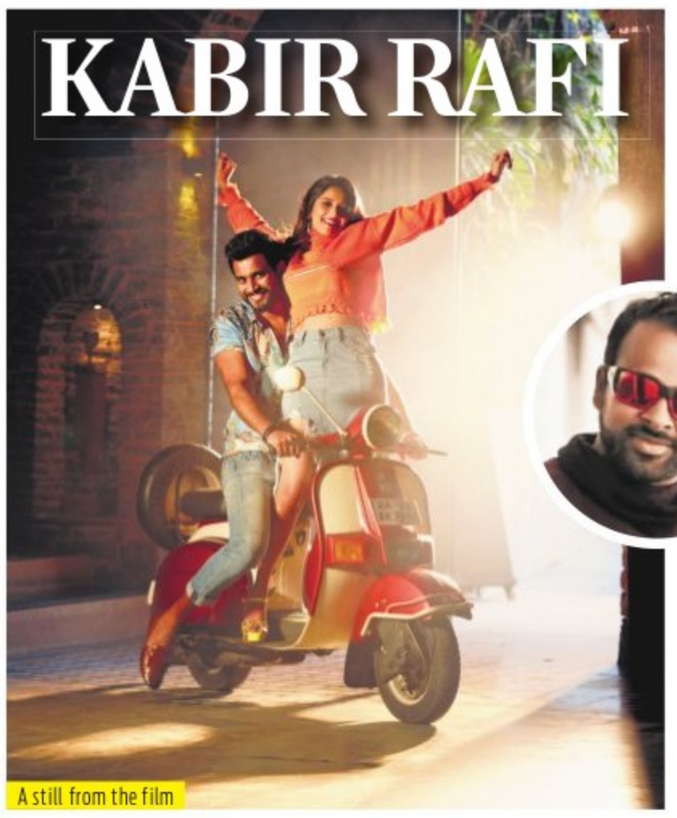
Composer Kabir Rafi will be making his debut with *Sugar Factory*, alongside cinematographer Santhosh Rai Pathaje. The soundtrack of the Deepak Aras directorial consists of seven songs and will explore the pub culture.

KANNADIGAS HAVE GOOD TASTE IN MUSIC: KABIR RAFI

CE FEATURES

DIRECTOR Deepak Aras, who will be making a comeback after a hiatus following his debut film "Manasology" (2011), is gearing up for the release of his sophomore project, "*Sugar Factory*," which is slated for release on November 24. The romantic drama, starring Krishna, Sonal Monteiro, Adhvithi Shetty, and Ruhani Shetty, will mark the Kannada debut of composer Kabir Rafi.

Kabir Rafi has 15 years of experience as a music composer and has predominantly worked in Telugu and Tamil films, web series, and short films. Having worked under his mentor, Jeevan Thomas, and with AR Rahman, the composer reveals that he is excited to mark his Kannada debut with Deepak Aras's *Sugar Factory*. The romantic comedy, based on the prevalent pub culture, is a new territory for Kabir, who is predominantly known for his melodies. He says, "I had to create some EDM, trance, DJing, along with romantic songs and end it with a pathos number. In total, seven songs make up the *Sugar Factory* album. One song is sung by Baba Sehgal, who is making his comeback after a hiatus. The soundtrack also has Armaan Malik, Amrutha Nayak, Vijay Prakash, and singer Kalimulla, who will be making her Kannada debut. Overall, it makes for a good album," says Kabir. Kabir, who shifted to Bengaluru during the pandemic to work on *Sugar Factory*, reveals that Kannada filmmakers are welcoming. He adds, "Kannadigas have good taste in music. They welcome every singer and composer, irrespective of the language, and allow us to explore our skills. I hope to get more film opportunities from Kannada."



A still from the film

Santhosh Rai Pathaje: My cinematography in *Sugar Factory* is vibrant, a stark contrast from my previous films :

Sugar Factory also features Santhosh Rai Pathaje as the cinematographer. The DOP, who has worked in over 30 films, is known for capturing the beauty of nature in his frames. However, his work in *Sugar Factory* is in contrast to his previous films. "*Sugar Factory*'s picturization is colorful and contemporary, representing the youth. Interestingly, the film explores unique picturization, especially bringing the nightlife in Goa in a new way," says Santhosh. According to Santhosh, he ensured that his cinematography in *Sugar Factory* will show the vibrant culture of today's youth. He states, "Among my films, *Sugar Factory* is more vibrant." Santhosh and his team have also shot on locations in Kazakhstan, where a scene along with a grand song sequence was shot.

Apart from *Sugar Factory*, Santhosh is excited about working with Darshan in Prakash Veer's "Devil – The Hero" and is currently working on pre-production with the director.

Darren Aronofsky to helm Elon Musk biopic for A24

CE FEATURE

A24, the American production and distribution banner known for its films like Midsommar, Everything Everywhere All at Once, Talk to Me, Lady Bird, is back with other exciting film in the pipeline. A biopic on entrepreneur and personality Elon Musk is in development with director Darren Aronofsky set to helm it.

As per a Collider report, a representative from the banner has confirmed that the film will be based on the biography written by Walter Isaacson titled Elon Musk by Walter Isaacson. It was published in September and will be the source for the screenplay which will deal with the achievements and personal facets of Musk's life.

It is to be noted that the upcoming film will mark Darren's second collaboration with A24 after The Whale which made a splash at the Oscars last year. Details on the cast and crew of the film are yet to be announced.